

# Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates 2014, 4-5 June 2014

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

### Question No 1

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - ASL**

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**Senator Wong**

### Question

**Senator WONG:** ... Mr Varghese, in terms of the numbers that you have just given us, tell me if I have understood the evidence correctly. The ASL for 2013-14 is 6,175; and, for 2014-15, it is 5,640. If someone could get me what the 2012-13 figure is as well, that would be good.

### Answer

The below table details the ASL estimates for financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15.

Pre-integration Agency	FY 2012-13 <sup>(1)</sup>	FY 2013-14 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014-15 <sup>(2)</sup>
AusAID	1,887		-
DFAT	3,832	6,175	5,640

1: Published in 2012-13 PBS as separate figures (pre-integration)

2: Both the 2013-14 and 2014-15 ASLs were published in 2014-15 PBS as an aggregated number (post-integration).

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**Question No 2**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget - ODA Assistance**

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** ... Do you mean that you think it is correct? Either the figures on page 122—smaller government—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—realising efficiencies—are included in the ODA assistance, reprioritised funding, on earlier page 121 of Budget Paper No. 2 or they are not.

**Senator WONG:** Mr Wood, do you want to go and check that?

**Mr Wood:** Yes; sure.

**Answer**

The figures on page 122—smaller government—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—realising efficiencies— are not included in ODA assistance, reprioritised funding, on page 121 of Budget Paper No.2.

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**Question No 3**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - 2014-15 Budget**

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Mr Wood:** *Yes. So what you are after is—*

**Senator WONG:** *The aggregate reduction in departmental funding across all outcomes as a result of the 2014-15 budget...*

**Answer**

The aggregate reduction in departmental funding across all outcomes as a result of the 2014-15 Budget is \$113,033,000 in 2014-15 (\$108,025,000 in 2015-16, \$104,470,000 in 2016-17, and \$100,405,000 in 2017-18).

These figures include operating and capital departmental funding and are based on the published savings measures in the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15 (pages 24 and 25).

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### Question No 4

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Website**

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**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

**Senator LUDWIG:** *So I do not waste any time I will quickly go through some of the issues I wanted to explore: the breakdown of website testing by each minister; the details of the contract that was provided as well; what form of tender was taken to achieve that outcome; and was there a panel selection and so on? With regard to the training, the same issues arise: the detail by each individual minister; was it a one for all—we got three ministers for the total sum of \$19,000 worth of training—who was the training provided to; what was the training for; was there a contract; if there was a contract who provided the tender; was it a tender process, an open competitive tender, or a panel; and what firms were eventually successful, if there was more than one?*

*And the same questions for the website release management. I do not even understand what that is. Perhaps an explanation of what that is can be given. It cost somebody 15 grand to manage the website release, I assume. Then the same issue about whether there was a separate company involved or whether it was the same, and how did they get the contract. Then there is the website deployment. I have never seen that before. Perhaps you could also provide an explanation as to how there is some contract of \$10,000 for the deployment of a website.*

**Senator Brandis:** *As Mr Varghese has said, we will take those questions on notice. Some of these terms are as opaque to me as they apparently are to you. I should point out, in case you did not mention it, for the record, that the total is described as the 'full redevelopment of three websites on a new platform'. Obviously, there was a substantial body of new work done in relation to three websites. That might go some way to explaining the ultimate cost. We will take that on notice.*

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**Answer**

Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice 319.

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**Question No 5**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Access to official records**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Kroger**

**Question**

**Senator KROGER:** *Is it possible, Mr Varghese, to give us an account of all the documents and records he did seek access to?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Yes. There were not very many. I do not think that would be a problem.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did Mr Carr provide you with a list of those?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Well, he sought access to documents. He specified the documents that—*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *So there must be a list somewhere; is there?*

**Mr Varghese:** *he was seeking access to.*

**Senator KROGER:** *Are you reading from that list at the moment?*

**Mr Varghese:** *No, I am not reading from a list. I am reading from a description of the correspondence. I am happy to follow up your question, Senator Kroger.*

**Senator Brandis:** *The brief note I have tells me that the documents related to official travel undertaken by Mr Carr. I cannot be more specific than that. As Mr Varghese has said, we will take it on notice.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I can indicate that in October he sought access to documents relating to his visits to Ramallah and Russia, and in December he sought access to records relating to his visit to the UAE. That is probably the full story of access requested.*

**CHAIR:** *So you think that is a complete list?*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *That is a complete list, is it?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Subject to me confirming that there is not anything else.*

...

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Mr Varghese, if you could, on notice, provide us with a list of all of those requests?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Sure.*

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### **Answer**

Mr Carr sent two separate letters to Secretary Varghese requesting Special Access under Section 56(2) of the *Archives Act 1983* to refresh his memory in relation to activities while he was Foreign Minister.

In his letter of October 2013 Mr Carr requested records of his meetings as Foreign Minister with Russia's Foreign Minister, Lavrov during his visit to Russia in September 2013 and records of his meetings with representatives of the Palestinian leadership during his visit to Ramallah on 6 August 2013.

In his letter of 9 December Mr Carr requested a document sent in May 2013 by Pablo Kang, Ambassador to the UAE, which set out the differences in legal proceedings against Mr Joyce in Dubai and the Sunland legal proceedings in Victoria. He also requested briefing documents which were prepared for his visit to Dubai in May 2013.

Mr Carr was subsequently granted access to the following documents, which he viewed at the DFAT Sydney office:

### **Visit to Moscow in September 2013: meeting with Russia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Sergey Lavrov**

Cable MS28586H of 3 September 2013 (classification: confidential - sensitive).

Cable MS28597H of 12 September 2013 (classification: confidential).

### **Visit to Ramallah in August 2012**

Records of Conversation of 6 August 2012 (classification: confidential) with:

- (i) Dr Riad Malki, Foreign Minister, Palestinian National Authority;
- (ii) Dr Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister, Palestinian National Authority;  
and
- (iii) Mahmoud Abbas, President, Palestinian National Authority.

### **Visit to Dubai in May 2013**

Consular Case Summary - Joyce and Lee – revised short version (classification: confidential).

Excerpts from the briefing package prepared by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for visit by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the UAE in May 2013 (classification: consular-in-confidence, legal-in-confidence).

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**Question No 6**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - US representations**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** Minister, are you aware of anything?

**Senator Brandis:** I am not, Senator Edwards. I saw the media report to which you referred. We will take on notice whether either there has been a cable or any other communication from the embassy in the United States concerning Mr Carr's book and whether there has been any representation, formal or informal, to the Australian government from the American government concerning Mr Carr's book. Let me give the minister the opportunity to consider, if there is, what, if anything, can be released to you. I know there has been informal conversation about it. It has been a matter of remark. Whether it goes beyond just gossip about Mr Carr's lack of discretion, I am not in a position to tell you.

**Senator EDWARDS:** Is there anybody in the room that can assist?

**Mr Varghese:** I am reasonably confident that there have been no representations to the department from the United States. I will do you the courtesy of triple-checking it.

**Answer**

The Department has received no cable or substantive communication from Australia's Embassy in the United States and has received no representation from the United States concerning Mr Carr's book.



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**Question No 7**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Maltese Government**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Thank you. What was the reaction of the Maltese government to the reference in Mr Carr's diary that a comment by their foreign minister had become 'an office joke'?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I have not seen any representations from the Maltese government on this matter either.*

**Senator Brandis:** *Again, we will take that on notice for you, Senator Edwards, on the same basis. We will see if there has been any communication from the mission or any formal or informal representation on behalf of that government. If there has been, and to the extent to which it is appropriate to release it to you, we will release it.*

**Answer**

No formal or informal representation has been made by the Maltese Government to DFAT or to our Post in Malta on this matter.

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**Question No 8**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Malaysian government**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Minister or secretary, what was the reaction of the Malaysian government to the comment that the foreign minister agreed to vote for Australia in the UNSC despite having already committed to Finland and Luxembourg?*

**Mr Varghese:** *We have not received, to the best of my knowledge, any response from any government in relation to the publication of this book.*

**Senator Brandis:** *Again, Senator Edwards, I will take that question on notice. If there has been any reporting from the post in Malaysia recording any formal or informal communication from the Malaysian government, I will release it to you to the extent to which I feel able. That will be a decision, obviously, not of me but of the foreign minister.*

**Answer**

The Department has not received any response from the Malaysian Government in relation to the publication of this book.

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**Question No 9**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Communications from Posts (Argentina/Canada)**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator Brandis:** *Senator Edwards, again we will take on notice—assume this is what you sought in your question—whether there has been any communication from the posts either in Canada or in Argentina reporting any formal or informal representations to the Australian government in relation to those indiscretions. To the extent to which it is appropriate to do so, if there are any, we will release them to you...*

**Answer**

The Department has received no communication from Australian embassies either in Canada or in Argentina reporting any formal or informal representations concerning Mr Carr's book.

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### Question No 10

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Japanese Deputy PM**

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**Senator Edwards**

### Question

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Indeed. I guess, given this divergence from what all Australians would expect to be appropriate behaviour and protocols to be observed, he did say on page 80: 'I am new to this myself. Just making it up as I go along'—if that is indeed a defence at all, Minister.*

**Senator Brandis:** *Mr Carr may be new to being foreign minister, but he was not new to being a senior minister. He was for 10 years or so the Premier of New South Wales. He is, as I know, a person who is extremely well informed and articulate about world history and international relations more generally. I guess what I am saying, Senator Edwards, is that he is not a naif; he should have known better. In the quote you read me before, he talks about choosing his words and trusting his judgement. Again, that, if I may say so, indicates that what Mr Carr, by his own self-characterisation, has done has been done inadvertently, not in the way in which somebody who did not know what they were doing or did not realise the harm they could be doing might do so foolishly. It seems to me that if a person chooses their words carefully and is proud of being able to trust their own judgement then they should be held to that standard. When they commit solipsisms and gross indiscretions of this character, particularly in relation to diplomatic matters, then that is something for which they ought not to be readily forgiven, frankly.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *If I could move along. In the diary there are some references to former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. He gives a number of examples of the Prime Minister's bad behaviour. In fact, I quote: 'While in Tokyo I had a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Katsuya Okada and had been warned that visiting Australia he had encountered a full-bodied assault from Prime Minister Rudd on the question of whaling, really adamant with emphatic body language to match.' That was on page 54. 'On my way to the meeting our high commissioner had warned me that Kevin had come close to roughing him'—this is the Singapore foreign minister—'up at his last meeting.' Are you aware of the report in Mr Carr's diary that former Japanese Deputy Prime Minister encountered a full-bodied assault from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd?*

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**Mr Varghese:** *Senator, I am not aware of that report, but can I say that if I were aware of it I would not be revealing it because it would be a discussion in confidence between two governments*

**Senator Brandis:** *Again, Senator Edwards, we will take it on notice, on the same basis as with the other countries, that Mr Carr evidently offended or whether there was any reporting. I am not sure whether, if there was, it would be appropriate to release it. That is a matter ultimately for the foreign minister's judgment.*

**Answer**

DFAT has no record that then Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Okada encountered a 'full bodied assault' from then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

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**Question No 11**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Japanese Deputy PM**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *When did former Deputy Prime Minister Okada visit Australia?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I would have to take that on notice.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Following that, was anybody from the department present at the time when this so-called full-bodied assault occurred?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Again, I am more than happy to take questions of detail on notice. Can I reiterate the point I made: to the extent that the answers require going into discussions between Japanese and Australian government representatives, I would be quite constrained.*

**Answer**

1. Mr Okada visited Australia as Foreign Minister from 20 to 21 February 2010. Mr Okada did not visit Australia while serving as Deputy Prime Minister (January-December 2012).
2. DFAT has no record of DFAT officials being present during the meeting between then Prime Minister Rudd and then Foreign Minister Okada when Mr Okada visited Australia (20 to 21 February 2010).

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**Question No 12**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Japanese Deputy PM**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I am assuming that we have not heard anything formally or informally from the Japanese government in relation to this?*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

DFAT has no record of any representations made by Japan regarding the February 2010 meeting between then Prime Minister Rudd and then Foreign Minister Okada.

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**Question No 13**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Stephen Cutts**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I will go now to page 79 of this book. I am quoting here: 'The assistant general secretary, Stephen Cutts, claimed that he had been savaged by Rudd at CHOGM in October.' Were you aware of this incident prior to the publication of Mr Carr's book?*

**Mr Varghese:** *No, I was not.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take the question on notice on the same terms. That is, if it occurred and if there is any reporting of it and if that reporting is suitable for release to you then we will release it.*

**Answer**

The Department has no record of the claim noted in Mr Carr's book.



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**Question No 14**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Stephen Cutts**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did Mr Cutts at any point make any representation or express concern at any of Mr Rudd's behaviour?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Again, I would have to take it on notice along similar lines as Senator Brandis has just indicated.*

**Answer**

The Department has no record of any representations made by Mr Cutts.

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**Question No 15**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Chinese Officials**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *No worries. Thank you. Mr Carr also refers to Mr Rudd's treatment of Fu Ying, China's former ambassador to Australia. According to Mr Carr, she remembers being humiliated by Kevin Rudd in their encounter in a TV studio in London. 'Rudd deliberately got up and moved from the seat next to her'. Do you agree that Mr Rudd's behaviour could be seen as humiliating?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Senator, I do not think it is appropriate for me, as an official, to comment on the behaviour of former prime ministers.*

**Senator Brandis:** *Senator Edwards, that is not really a fair question to Mr Varghese. Whether or not a particular bodily gesture was humiliating or not I suppose is a subjective thing. We will take your question on notice on the same basis that we have taken the other questions on notice. That is, this incident—I remember seeing some vision of this—if there was any reporting on it which bears upon the assertion contained in Mr Carr's diary, and if it is suitable for release to you, we will do so.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did we ever hear from the Chinese about any of this?*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

No, the Chinese did not raise this with us.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 16**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Dietary requests**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Thank you. If I could just move along: just generally in relation to travel, did Mr Carr ever ask Australian officials to request that his hotel provide steel-cut oats?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Let me see if we have someone who might be able to respond to that.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I suspect that it would be a request that you would remember.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I still do not know what steel-cut oats are myself.*

**Mr Roach:** *With respect to your question, I am not aware of such a request. I do not believe that we would be able to provide an answer to that query.*

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**Senator Brandis:** *The official has said that he does not know, but we will take it on notice. If there was such a request and a note was made of it then we will get that for you.*

**Answer**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides advice to posts on general preferences for Ministers, including dietary requirements. This did not cover steel-cut oats for Senator Carr. Accordingly, officials would not have known to make this request.

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**Question No 17**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Preferences**

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**Senator Kroger**

**Question**

**Senator KROGER:** *If you could table those requests that were made? I presume it was shortly after he was made foreign minister. Thanks.*

**Answer**

This information was the subject of a Freedom of Information request and was released on 26 August 2013. Copies of the documents relating to Mr Carr's personal preferences are attached.

Appendix I: Senator Carr's  
Specific Requirements

EXB will email further personal preferences to post prior to the visit.

Accommodation  
(Section 1)

Senator Carr prefers to stay in hotels, although residences will sometimes be acceptable. s 47 F(1)

Phones should have instructions on how to phone out of the hotel/residence. Posts should ensure that no material has been left in the party's rooms on departure.

Documents  
(Section 1)

The post needs to put in place arrangements for managing documents for the Minister. A primary point of communication for the FMO to channel incoming documents, and to liaise with the Minister's adviser on document handling, including the return to the FMO in Canberra of material (ministerial submissions, letters etc) that has been processed by the Minister, will be required. If the ministerial party wants signed material sent back to Canberra, this should be scanned and sent back to the FMO. This role could be undertaken by a separate Document Liaison Officer or by the Post Visit Coordinator.

Meetings/Program Development

(Section 2) Senator Carr prefers time in advance of, and between, meetings for briefing and preparation. Early morning and late evening meetings should only be pursued if strictly necessary. Posts should consult with the FMO in putting programs together. Meetings and appointments should represent considered value-adding engagement. Where appropriate Senator Carr likes to use space between meetings to engage with media.

Early in a visit, time should be scheduled for a focused briefing with the Head of Mission.

Senator Carr values serious round-table discussions – ie with post, travelling officials, representatives of the business community, civil society, academia and/or political actors.

Where possible, the Minister is interested in making visits to important cultural or historical sites early on in a program, to allow him to engage at a more personal level with interlocutors. Such a visit can add useful context to other parts of the program. Senator Carr is also interested in ensuring that visit programs include notable Australian aid projects, including those outside capital cities.

Speeches  
(Section 2)

Posts should consult FMO about possible speaking opportunities for Senator Carr during visits. All speeches should be recorded and transcribed, including the Minister's formal interventions at multilateral meetings.

The Visit  
(Section 3)

Posts should make a judgement about whether the Document Liaison Officer (if one is appointed) needs to be in attendance for Senator Carr's arrival and departure to handle documents, or whether the Post Visit Coordinator can manage this at the airport.

Senator Carr is flexible about car arrangements. He will usually travel with Mrs Carr, but sometimes she may go in a separate vehicle with the senior adviser if another foreign minister is in the car with Senator Carr and there is no additional space.

Daily Program  
(Section 4) A6 (pocket size) on stiff, un-laminated card. These can be minimalist; there is no requirement for Canberra times or detailed descriptions of events.

For visits by Senator Carr, these should be emailed (in BlackBerry format) to the CHCH Office of the Foreign Minister address, or to all FMO staff in the blue pages if sending from a non-DFAT email account. MEL/EXB should also be included in the daily program distribution.

Briefing  
(Section 4) Detailed briefing guidelines for Senator Carr, including Checklists and templates, are contained in the Briefing and Follow-up Guidelines for the Foreign Minister available on the Intranet and should be consulted for completeness.

As a guide, Senator Carr's briefing is to consist of two components: a comprehensive 'Master Brief' and short 'Daily Briefs'.

The Master Brief will be the primary resource used by the advisers and officials travelling with the Minister. With the exception of the media messages (which will be prepared in the immediate lead-up to the visit and which may change as the visit progresses), the Master Brief should contain facts and figures for the visit, talking points, CVs, extracts from relevant speeches by interlocutors together with thematic briefs, maps, agreements and other relevant documents.

The Daily Brief will be the primary resource used by the Minister and is prepared in consultation with the most senior accompanying adviser.

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This Daily Brief should consist of:

- ☐ Daily program (1 page)
- ☐ Visit overview (2-3 pages)
- ☐ Facts and figures relevant to the visit (1 page)
- ☐ Talking points for each of the day's meetings – no background (1.5-2 pages)
- ☐ CVs – short form for multilateral meetings, long form for bilateral meetings (1 page)
- ☐ Brief extracts from recent speeches/articles by interlocutors, if applicable (maximum 1 page per item – more pages if required for more items)
- ☐ Media messages for the visit (prepared by divisions) and media points on current international issues (compiled by the Foreign Minister's Office (FMO)) (2-3 pages or less)

The daily brief is the responsibility of the post in consultation with the travelling advisers.

The final version of the Daily Brief is to be presented in a slim '2 ring binder' folder (one for the Minister and one for each accompanying adviser). Note: the accompanying senior adviser will usually carry a black folder to be used for the Minister's Daily Brief.

At the end of each day the post should prepare the folders ready for the following day's program - insert the following day's schedule, relevant talking points, CVs, speech/article extracts and media messages (updated as necessary). The visit overview and facts and figures will remain the same throughout and should be included in the folders for every day of the visit.

Sometimes the travelling adviser will ask the next post on the visit itinerary to provide these materials to him/her at the preceding post so the adviser can create the Daily Brief before departure.

#### Cable Requirements

(Section 6) While travelling Senator Carr likes to read cables on topical issues, not only relating to the specific visit or country he is in at the time – especially cables written by HOMs. s 47 F(1)

One set only of cables is required and should be provided to the senior adviser accompanying. In addition to ticking the "For Min Abroad" box on cables, Canberra and posts should alert the visiting party by email on Low of interesting cables in the system.

#### Temporary Hotel Office (Section 7)

A hotel office will generally be required when the travelling party has flown overnight and will need to process paperwork. The requirement for an office should be discussed with FMO. Offices should be adequately resourced but not excessively so. For short visits, the party may be prepared to base themselves at the chancery or residence (posts should consult EXB in advance). The office should be convenient to but not opposite or immediately adjacent to the Minister's room.

#### Media and News

(Section 12)

Senator Carr is likely to take up Australian-oriented media opportunities while overseas. Media officers should identify local venues, including nearby radio and tv studios for interviews and advise the office of the details. If there is more than one option, the preference for studios is APTN, Bloomberg, Reuters, PakTV, CNN, in that order. Post should also enquire what it would cost to make a booking.

Post should, where possible, send through the names and contact details for any Australian correspondents and stringers/freelancers who regularly contribute to Australian media outlets. Where there are Australian correspondents it is likely that they will be offered a one-on-one interview (of about 20 minutes each) – this should be kept in mind for gaps in the program. Stringers may be asked to accompany the minister for the day (although not into meetings).

Post should have access to crisp, quality talking points on topical foreign policy issues, and the capacity to update them.

Senator Carr will often choose to issue 'mini' press releases after key meetings. Post should liaise with MLS and the Minister's media adviser on whether a media release – or other media material such as short statements, blogs or tweets – will be required on the outcomes of each leg of the overseas visit. Any such media releases/material, ideally prepared in advance of the visit, should be finalised at post and cleared with the Minister prior to departure from the country in question. If this is not practical, alternative arrangements should be made with the Minister's party. The FMO should be provided with a final version and will arrange for its release as appropriate in Australia.

(These arrangements are distinct from the 'Media Messages' document to be included in the Daily Brief.)

Visit-specific media points should be cleared through MLS, and emailed by divisions to the FMO (relevant adviser, DLO and media team) and post three days before the visit (and updated during the visit as required). The DFAT officer travelling with the party should take a copy on a USB stick. The FMO will provide the latest international points at the start of each day.

Thank you letters

(Section 14) Senator Carr prefers to sign short 'thank you' letters for appropriate people with whom he has met during bilateral visits, prior to departure.

Program as Completed

(Section 14) Senator Carr's cabled program-as-completed should include details of all pull-asides in addition to completed bilaterals.

The 'Program as Completed' cable should be cleared by the most senior ministerial adviser and senior DFAT officer, preferably before departure, or by email following the visit, before it is sent.

Visit Follow Up

(Section 14)

All visit 'round-up' cables are to include succinct lists of all substantive policy commitments and other undertakings requiring specific follow-up made during the visit, including any relevant timeframes. No special clearance requirements apply to these lists. These same commitments should also be recorded in relevant records of conversation. Posts are asked to keep parent divisions apprised of the status of commitments which they are required to take forward and provide prompt advice



once work has been completed. For more information on managing commitments see Admin Circular P1115.

**Spouse Program**

(Section 15) Mrs. Carr is to accompany the Minister to official events as appropriate (but not usually official meetings). When this is not possible the post should make arrangements for Mrs Carr to visit women's related projects where Australia has an interest, cultural sites and heritage-related sites. The responsible visit officer from the FMO will be in contact with the nominated visit officer at post to discuss arrangements.

## Senator the Hon Bob Carr Specific Personal Requirements

### Personal Information

<b>Blood Group</b>	s 47 F(1)
<b>Allergies and dietary requirements</b>	s 47 F(1)
<b>Shirt Size</b>	s 47 F(1)

### Travel Preferences

<b>Accommodation</b>	Minister Carr generally prefers a hotel to the Residence. Prefers a junior suite.
<b>Linen</b>	s 47 F(1)

### Program Preferences

<b>Personal Time and A-Based business time</b>	s 47 F(1)
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<b>Functions and Cultural Visits</b>	Minister Carr is interested in cultural visits or inspections during the program, provided they are of genuine historic significance (i.e. world heritage listed or nominated)
<b>Documents</b>	
<b>Media and News</b>	Delivery of the Media Roundup is appreciated. Local papers are not necessary.
<b>Hotel Room</b>	
<b>Newspapers</b>	Daily access to the Financial Times and the International Herald Tribune.
<b>Mini Bar</b>	Prior to the Minister's arrival post should ensure the mini bar is empty of all hotel snacks and beverages.  Post should stock the fridge with bottled water.
<b>Adaptors</b>	Minister Carr would prefer more than one adaptor in his hotel room. Adaptors should also be placed in Advisers' rooms.
<b>Iron/Ironing Board</b>	Preference for iron and ironing board in his hotel room.
<b>Internet</b>	Minister Carr travels with an iPad. A local sim card will be useful.  Advisers may also travel with iPads and will also require local sim cards. See also visit tasking cable from Canberra for communications requirements.
<b>Food and Drink</b>	
<b>Food Preferences</b>	s 47 F(1)
<b>Drink Preferences</b>	s 47 F(1)
<b>Food/drink for the temporary office</b>	Bottled water and mineral water, fruit and health snacks such as nuts including almonds, pistachio and walnuts. If in office over lunch, opportunity to have a proper meal, not sandwiches.

<b>Food/drink for hotel room</b>	Bottled water, fruit and nuts as above.
<b>Gift Preferences</b>	
<b>Gifts to give</b>	As appropriate (guided by posts)
<b>Gifts received</b>	<p>For gifts the Minister would like to retain only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place a note on the gift of who it is from if it is not identifiable – i.e. no business card in with gift.</li> <li>2. Email: s 22 1(a)(iii) <a href="mailto:dfat.gov.au">@dfat.gov.au</a> (Office Manager, FMO) with the list of gifts received for the Minister for Mark to register them.</li> <li>3. Send Minister's gifts to MEL/EXB – clearly labelled "Gifts for Minister Carr".</li> </ol>

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**Question No 18**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Complaints (airlines/Hotels)**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did Mr Carr ever ask Australian officials to lodge a complaint or negative feedback with a hotel or airline?*

**Mr Roach:** *No, I am not aware of any feedback. I think I am aware of the reference in the book to a letter but no, the department did not play any role in that letter.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice. The official does not seem to be aware of it. We will have a look and see whether there were any. We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The department's support to Ministers is managed through the Executive Branch. Having reviewed files relating to Senator Carr's visits held by the Executive Branch, there is no record of Mr Carr asking officials to lodge a complaint or negative feedback with a hotel or airline.

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**Question No 19**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Travel Costs**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Could you tell me, in the context of that comment, what was the total cost of each of those trips **[in caretaker period]**?*

**Mr Roach:** *Could I take that on notice?*

**Answer**

As at 15 July 2014, the Department of Finance has not yet published financial details for that period.

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**Question No 20**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Assistance**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I am asking if he sought assistance since the election, when it occurred and, quite reasonably, what the nature of the request was. Obviously, is it in relation to Mr Rudd seeking to be appointed to the United Nations Special Envoy to Syria?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will take that on notice and double-check the facts. To the best of my knowledge, there was no departmental involvement in this issue. I will take it on notice and get back to you.*

**Senator Brandis:** *I can give you some information, Senator Edwards. The department provided assistance to Mr Rudd on three occasions between the last estimates, on 27 February, and 4 June in relation to travel to the United Kingdom, to Russia and to the United States, which included airport facilitation advice and, in the case of the visit to the United States on 20 May, accompanying Mr Rudd to meetings. We will take on notice what advice and what meetings they were.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *That would include any knowledge of any discussions Mr Rudd has had with UN officials?*

**Senator Brandis:** *There may be confidentiality issues. I do not know if there are or not. As I say, we will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

Mr Rudd has requested assistance from DFAT for 12 visits since September 2013. Details are outlined below. We are not aware of any departmental involvement in relation to Mr Rudd and the position of UN Special Envoy to Syria.

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Date of Travel	City, Countries Visited	Assistance Requested	Assistance Provided
<b>2013</b>			
September	Beijing, London, New York, Paris	Appointments, Transport	Airport facilitation. Transport transfers were provided to and from Eurostar. Assistance provided securing a Chinese visa.
27 to 31 October	Bahrain, China	Calls, transport (Bahrain) Airport facilitation, assistance arranging calls, transport to meetings (Beijing Forum)	Beijing: airport facilitation, assistance arranging calls, transport to meetings
20 to 21 November	UK	Airport transfers	Airport transfers
17 – 20 December	New York, USA	Airport facilitation, transport	Airport facilitation, transport, advice to office on program logistics.
20 -22 December	San Francisco, USA	Airport facilitation	Airport facilitation
<b>2014</b>			
21 - 25 January	New York, Boston and Washington, USA	Airport facilitation, transport and visa for Kazakhstan	NY – airport facilitation, document printing  Boston –no assistance  Washington – Airport facilitation, transport for official appointments. Kazakhstan visa obtained.
26 -28 January	Paris, France	Airport facilitation	Airport facilitation and transport provided.
31 January - 3 February	Munich, Germany	Airport facilitation, Ambassador contact details	Ambassador contact details provided. Airport facilitation and transport provided.
21 – 27 February	New York, Boston, USA	Transport, assistance with Russian visa	Airport facilitation (in New York), Russian visa obtained.
28 February – 3 March	London, Oxford England	Airport facilitation, transport	Airport facilitation and transport for official appointments (in London only).
3 – 5 March	Russia (Moscow)	Advice and liaison on program, transport, accompany to meetings	Advice and liaison on program and accommodation, transport for official appointments, accompany to meetings.
22-May	United States (Washington)	Accompany to meetings.	Accompany to meetings.



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**Question No 21**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Assistance**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Has the department refused any request for assistance since that time?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Not to my knowledge. I do not think we would refuse requests if the requests were consistent with the guidelines.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Has there been any inconsistency with the guidelines?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Not that I am aware of, no.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

There have not been any instances of the Department refusing requests, or providing support inconsistent with our guidelines on assistance to former Prime Ministers. On one occasion in Bahrain, DFAT was unable to provide the assistance requested (car transport) as we do not have a post in Bahrain.

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**Question No 22**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Guidelines**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *It might have been in the last round, but I stand to be corrected on that. I was asking how formal that advice is. In other words, is there a set of formal guidelines for the assistance by posts of former prime ministers? Is there a set of formal guidelines?*

...

**Senator FAULKNER:** *... Could I ask that that piece of paper be tabled at an opportunity? I would not expect you to have that piece of paper in your back pocket, but if that could be tabled at some point, I would appreciate it. If it is not able to be tabled, could you take it on notice and—*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will certainly take it on notice.*

**Answer**

*Attachment 1 provides the relevant page from DFAT's Overseas Visit guidelines.*

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**Attachment 1**

In recognition of the office which they held, successive Australian governments have agreed to extend certain courtesies to former Prime Ministers when travelling overseas. Such courtesies, extending to former Prime Ministers and accompanying spouses, should be provided within the scope of available resources, and in line with the following principles:

- Head of Mission or Post should exercise judgement about the types of assistance their posts provide to former Prime Ministers, taking into account the circumstances of the visit (i.e. whether the visit is being sponsored by an organisation or host government).
- The level of support that may be provided to former Prime Ministers is ultimately at a HOM's or HOP's discretion as they are best placed to judge whether post has the necessary resources available.
- Support may include arranging VIP facilitation or meeting former Prime Ministers on arrival and providing assistance with airport transfers.
- Posts may also assist with arranging appointments if resources to do so are available.
- Posts should provide former Prime Ministers with a contact list, including an out of hours point of contact in case of any problems.

In addition, the Prime Minister has agreed that former Prime Ministers may have access to car transport for specific journeys only when travelling overseas on official business as a former Prime Minister in locations where an overseas post maintains a vehicle fleet.

Posts should exercise judgement about what type of assistance to provide **former portfolio Ministers**, taking into account all the

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circumstances (eg, is the former portfolio Minister being sponsored by an organisation which might make some arrangements for him), and consistent with provision of a basic level of courtesy and support.

**Posts should be notified of proposed visits by a cable.** If the post has been contacted directly in relation to proposed travel post should contact Ministerial and Executive Liaison Section (**MEL**) in Executive Planning and Evaluation Branch **EXB**.

MEL/EXB is available to provide further guidance on these issues as required.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Assistance**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Would you provide the committee with the cost of providing assistance to Mr Rudd since the previous Senate estimates hearings, please?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I am very happy to take that on board, but I am not sure that it is an easy task to disaggregate the specific costs for supporting Mr Rudd. You would have to make a calculation about the amount of time someone spent and what portion of salary would be involved.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take it on notice; but I think it follows, from what the secretary has said, that the best you can expect is an estimate.*

**Answer**

DFAT is not able to disaggregate costs for supporting Mr Rudd. The provision of support to Ministers, Parliamentarians and former Prime Ministers is part of posts standard work.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staff reductions**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *It is a starting point, so are you able to say what the overall reduction of positions at posts from 1 July 2014 is? If it is 2013 it is 65, but what is it from 2014?*

**Ms Rawson:** *I would have to take that question on notice. The reductions at posts in some cases, as I said, may already have occurred. In other cases they are the subject of discussions with posts, taking into account a range of factors including the posts' operations, the particular point at which staff are at postings, so it will take place over a period of time. We can take on notice whether we can be more specific about how much more of that will be done from 1 July 2014.*

**Answer**

DFAT will reduce its overseas APS establishment from 853 at 1 July 2014 to 797 overseas positions by 1 July 2015. This is a reduction of 56.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staff reductions**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Ms Rawson:** *Certainly that is not the case. You said there had been reports that applied to all 65 and that is certainly not the case. Again, I would have to take it on notice; I am not aware of all the details. I think there would be a very small number of staff who had expected to go on posting and who will now not proceed with the postings, but I do not think there has been a final decision taken with regard to all of those that might be affected. But, in the end, it will be a very small number.*

...

**Ms Rawson:** *I am not able at this point to say anything beyond a very small number, but we could take that on notice.*

...

**Senator FAULKNER:** *In this instance it is—or not so much now and 1 July as the budget and 1 July. Effectively, the statement in your message was about the overall reduction in positions from 1 July 2013, being 65—hence my question about the year. Now I am asking about the number. So it is effectively between the budget, if you like, and 1 July, not now and 1 July.*

**Mr Varghese:** *Let's take that on notice. I think the number would be in the very low single digits, but maybe Mr Fisher has more detail.*

**Answer**

Three.

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**Question No 26**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staff Reductions**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Is a list available to be tabled or provided about at which posts there is that immediate impact?*

**Mr Fisher:** *No, we do not have that list for you.*

...

**Mr Varghese:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

It has been a long standing practice not to disclose details of DFAT staffing numbers at overseas posts.



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**Question No 27**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Cambodia - Official meetings**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *On how many occasions have the ministers met? I suppose you are going to tell me that is a question for the Department of Immigration, which is fair enough, but if you can take on notice how many times they have met or would you know the answer to that?*

**Mr Chittick:** *I can take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, met Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hor Namhong, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Sar Kheng during her first official visit to Cambodia on 21-22 February 2014. Ms Bishop has not met these ministers since her visit.

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**Question No 28**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *That [Cross-Regional Programs] has increased from \$300 million to \$686 million. That is the largest it has ever been. It has never been above \$400 million; is that correct? There was an allocation of \$417 million three years ago, but that was never spent. It fell under \$380 million in the end. Is that correct?*

**Mr McDonald:** *I cannot comment on what the maximum has been before. I would need to check that and I am happy to do that on notice.*

**Answer**

The original budget for cross regional programmes for 2013-14 was \$414.8 million. Due to readjustments throughout the year, as priorities and circumstances changed and program implementation decisions were made, final expenditure is estimated to be \$309.1 million.

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**Question No 29**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Why the sudden increase in something called cross-regional programs, which has consistently been around the \$300 million mark and has suddenly going up to \$686 million?*

**Mr McDonald:** *As Mr Varghese said earlier, the allocation of the budget is a decision of government, but within that cross-regional, for example, there are replenishments that are coming up in this financial year. A good example is the GARVI replenishment. We do not indicate that ahead of that replenishment. That is one example of why that would be high.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *If you could take on notice: is that [**\$686 million**] the largest cross-regional programs have ever been?*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice. What the official said was right. It is a decision for government rather than for officials. I do not know the answer to your question, but I will take it on notice.*

**Answer**

Yes. The current estimate of 2014-15 funding to cross-regional programs (\$686.9 million) is the largest.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget**

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**Senator Dastyari**

### **Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** The other question that you can take on notice - and I know you are not going to be able to answer this now, but I would love it if you can - out of the \$686 million, how much is currently committed? Mr Wood, are you able to answer that?

**Mr Wood:** We will take that on notice. As Mr McDonald said, a lot of that relates to scholarships, but we will split scholarships out and we will go through some of those other components.

### **Answer**

Of the current 2014-15 budget estimate for cross-regional programs (\$686.9 million, see answer to question 29), approximately \$204.8 million is committed. Committed expenses are those with contracts in place and a complete schedule of payments established, plus non-contracted agreements between partners (e.g. Records of Understanding).

Cross-regional programs include funding allocations that benefit a number of regions, including sector-based initiatives. For example, in 2014-15 the Government has:

- allocated \$90 million for health, water and sanitation programs
- allocated \$10 million for new agriculture and fisheries investments
- doubled funding to \$30 million for initiatives that specifically empower women and girls
- allocated \$20 million to promote innovation in program development
- increased the global Australia Awards program by \$31.7 million to \$138.9 million to ensure we can offer close to 4,500 scholarship and fellowships awards

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- doubled the Direct Aid Program to \$22 million to contribute to economic and human development and foster links between Australia and countries in our region.

As per usual, it is likely that the final expenditure against the Cross-Regional Programs allocation will be different to the current projection as funding may be adjusted as priorities and circumstances change over the course of the year and program implementation decisions are made.

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**Topic: ODA - Cambodia**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Where is the Cambodia money? The head of the Department of Immigration says that the money has not been allocated in their budget for it. It is sitting here in the aid budget. You have \$370 million sitting here for Cambodia. Tell me that is not where it is.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that question on notice.*

**Answer**

As published on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website following the May Budget, total overseas development assistance for Cambodia in 2014-15 is estimated to be \$79 million.

The \$370 million you refer to in your question is part of the budget allocation for cross-regional programs.

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**Question No 32**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Travel - Former FM visit to China**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Have you got a date when it [Mr Carr's visit to China in August 2013] was actually finalised? I guess there is the moment where you say, 'Yes, we are going to China.'*

**Mr Roach:** *There is a letter from the Prime Minister for each travel that would provide that. I am afraid in terms of the date of that I would need to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The letter of approval from the Prime Minister's office was dated 11 July 2013.

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**Question No 33**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Travel**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** ... Which diplomatic post in China was responsible for organising Mr Carr's trip?

...

**Senator EDWARDS:** When were they first notified of Mr Carr's impending travel?

**Mr Roach:** I would need to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Consulate-General in Hong Kong was responsible for the Hong Kong leg of the August 2013 visit.

The Embassy in Beijing was responsible for the Chengdu and Chongqing legs of the visit.

The Consulate-General in Guangzhou was responsible for the Fuzhou and Xiamen legs of the visit.

Posts were formally notified by cable dated 5 July 2013. The posts would have been aware earlier however that a visit was being planned.



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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I have already asked this question earlier. Can you ensure that we find out who travelled with Mr Carr and the cost of the trip?*

**Mr Roach:** *Yes, certainly.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I asked that earlier this morning.*

**Mr Roach:** *You did in regard to the Indonesia visit. If I can just confirm, you will recall from our earlier exchanges in previous Senate estimates that we rely on the six-monthly report done by the Department of Finance. The last report was in December 2013. Since you and I saw each other previously at Senate estimates, about three or four months ago, there has not subsequently been a further publication. The next publication, I would imagine, would be imminent, but until that publication happens I cannot give you the travel costs.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *That is not a problem, but I am sure that by the time you get back to me with questions on notice that it will have been tabled.*

**Mr Roach:** *I hope so, yes.*

**Answer**

Mr Carr was accompanied by Mrs Carr, Mr James Larsen, Chief of Staff, Mr Patrick Low, Senior Media Adviser and Mr Graeme Meehan, Assistant Secretary, DFAT.

As at 14 July 2014 the Department of Finance had not yet published the Members' of Parliament entitlements for that period.

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**Question No 35**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Heads of Missions (WA Visit)**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Would you be able to take on notice for me a list of the missions that attended? Would that be okay? There are a lot of them, obviously—72 of them.*

**Ms Mansfield:** *Yes, certainly. That is easily done.*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *I do not want you to run through them while you are at the table, but you might just take that on notice, if you would not mind, Ms Mansfield.*

**Answer**

Please find below the list of countries with participants in the FM's Visits to QLD in 2011 and WA in 2014:

2011 FM's Visit to QLD with Diplomatic Corps (57 Heads of Mission, 3 Deputy heads of Mission, 6 Chargé d'Affairs a.i., 6 Consuls)

1. Afghanistan (Ambassador)
2. Algeria (Ambassador)
3. Argentina (Ambassador)
4. Austria (Ambassador)
5. Bangladesh (High Commissioner)
6. Belgium (Ambassador)

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7. Bosnia and Herzegovina (Ambassador)
8. Botswana (High Commissioner)
9. Brazil (Ambassador)
10. Brunei Darussalam (High Commissioner)
11. Cambodia (Chargé d’Affairs)
12. Canada (High Commissioner)
13. Chile (Ambassador)
14. China (Consul-General)
15. Croatia (Ambassador)
16. Denmark (Ambassador)
17. Ecuador (Chargé d’Affairs)
18. Egypt (Deputy Head of Mission)
19. El-Salvador (Consul-General)
20. Eritrea (Consul)
21. European Union (Ambassador)
22. Finland (Ambassador)
23. former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Ambassador)
24. France (Chargé d’Affairs)
25. Germany (Ambassador)
26. Ghana (High Commissioner)
27. Greece (Deputy Head of Mission)
28. Hungary (Ambassador)
29. India (High Commissioner)
30. Indonesia (Ambassador)
31. Iran (Islamic Republic Of) (Ambassador)
32. Ireland (Ambassador)

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34. Japan (Ambassador)
35. Jordan (Ambassador)
36. Kuwait (Ambassador)
37. Lao People's Democratic Republic (Ambassador)
38. Lebanon (Ambassador)
39. Lesotho (High Commissioner, Non-resident)
40. Malaysia (High Commissioner)
41. Mexico (Ambassador)
42. Mongolia (Ambassador)
43. Morocco (Ambassador)
44. Myanmar (Ambassador)
45. Nepal (Ambassador)
46. Netherlands (Ambassador)
47. New Zealand (Consul-General)
48. Oman (Consul-General)
49. Papua New Guinea (High Commissioner)
50. Paraguay (Consul-General)
51. Peru (Ambassador)
52. Romania (Ambassador)
53. Russia (Ambassador)
54. Samoa (High Commissioner)
55. Saudi Arabia (Chargé d’Affairs)
56. Serbia (Ambassador)
57. Singapore (High Commissioner)
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- 60. South Africa (High Commissioner)
- 61. Spain (Ambassador)
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- 63. Sweden (Ambassador)
- 64. Switzerland (Ambassador)
- 65. Timor-Leste (Deputy Head of Mission)
- 66. Tunisia (Ambassador)
- 67. United Arab Emirates (Ambassador)
- 68. United Kingdom (High Commissioner)
- 69. United States of America (Ambassador)
- 70. Uruguay (Ambassador)
- 71. Vietnam (Ambassador)
- 72. Zimbabwe (Ambassador)

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- 4 Austria (Ambassador)
- 5 Belgium (Ambassador)
- 6 Botswana (High Commissioner)
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- 19 El-Salvador (Ambassador)
- 20 Ethiopia (Ambassador)
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- 23 FYROM (Ambassador)
- 24 Georgia (Ambassador)
- 25 Germany (Ambassador)
- 26 Greece (Ambassador)
- 27 Hungary (Ambassador)
- 28 India (High Commissioner)
- 29 Indonesia (Chargé d’Affairs)
- 30 Iraq (Ambassador)
- 31 Ireland (Ambassador)
- 32 Jordan (Ambassador)
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- 44 Myanmar (Ambassador)
- 45 Nepal (Ambassador)
- 46 New Zealand (High Commissioner)
- 47 Papua New Guinea (High Commissioner)
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- 50 Philippines (Ambassador)
- 51 Poland (Ambassador)
- 52 Qatar (Ambassador)
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- 54 Saudi Arabia (Ambassador)
- 55 Serbia (Ambassador)
- 56 Singapore (High Commissioner)
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- 58 South Africa (High Commissioner)
- 59 Spain (Ambassador)
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- 69 Uruguay (Ambassador)
- 70 Vanuatu (High Commissioner)
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**Question No 36**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Functions (Beijing dinner)**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Were there any DFAT representatives at the function? I can at least ask that.*

**Mr Varghese:** *Is this now the Beijing dinner?*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Yes.*

**Mr Varghese:** *In addition to embassy people?*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *You are saying that the function attendees is something determined by the Prime Minister's office; it is not something that is core business for DFAT. I accept that. You are unable to say, therefore, who did attend. I am now asking a follow-on question, whether you are able to say if there were any DFAT representatives at the dinner. Can anyone help me with that?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I think we will have to take that on notice over and above obviously the embassy representatives. I just need to confirm whether one of my deputy secretaries was there. I do not know for sure, but I think that was the case.*

**Answer**

Two DFAT staff from the embassy attended the dinner.

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *I would appreciate, unless you can assist me, whether there were any changes to DFAT attendees at that dinner, too. Are you aware of any?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Any changes?*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *If there were any changes of personnel in relation to attendees at the dinner. I can only talk here about DFAT representatives. I appreciate that. I cannot ask you to speak on behalf of other portfolios. I was keen to understand whether there had been any changes. Firstly, I will ask whether anyone at the table is aware of that and, if you are not aware of it, I would ask you to take it on notice.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I am not aware of it, so we will take it on notice.*

**Answer**

Once final arrangements for the dinner had been agreed with the Chinese side, no changes were made to attendance by the Australian side.

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**Question No 38**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Cambodia - Unemployment rate**

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**Senator Hanson-Young**

**Question**

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** *What is the unemployment rate in Cambodia?*

...

**Mr Cox:** *We would have to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

World Bank website (<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.UEM.TOTL.ZS>) based on 2012 figures indicates that unemployment was 1.5 per cent of the total labour force (modeled ILO estimate).

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**Question No 39**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Nauru - PNG - Unemployment rate**

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**Senator Hanson-Young**

**Question**

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** *Could you also take on notice the unemployment rate of Nauru and Papua New Guinea?*

**Mr Cox:** *Sure.*

**Answer**

Reliable and accurate macroeconomic data in **Papua New Guinea** is scarce. There are no primary sources of unemployment data in Papua New Guinea. The International Labor Organisation reports the unemployment rate in Papua New Guinea to be 2.3 per cent in 2012

The unemployment rate in **Nauru** is low with the recent Budget Papers released by the Government of Nauru indicating full employment.

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**Question No 40**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Human Rights - Organisation of Islamic Cooperation**

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**Senator Fawcett**

**Question**

**Senator FAWCETT:** *My understanding, and I am happy to be corrected here, is that they have their own version which is almost word for word for the Declaration of Human Rights but with a subtext that says in the context of sharia law. Is that correct to your understanding?*

**Mr Cox:** *I would have to take that one on notice. I am not specifically aware of the OIC's derivation of international human rights laws.*

**Senator FAWCETT:** *Can you take that on notice?*

**Mr Cox:** *Yes.*

**Answer**

The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam was adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in 1990 and provides an Islamic perspective on human rights. Article 24 of the Declaration provides that 'All the rights and freedoms stipulated in this Declaration are subject to the Islamic Shari'ah'. Article 25 provides that 'The Islamic Shari'ah is the only source of reference for the explanation or clarification of any of the articles of this Declaration'.

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**Senator Fawcett**

### **Question**

**Senator FAWCETT:** *I would be interested to understand what that means in terms of things like Article 18 and religious freedom, but also particularly gender equality in countries. They could be using the same words that we do but have a completely different understanding of what that means in practice to individuals.*

**Mr Cox:** *Yes. We can take that on notice and get a response back to you on that.*

### **Answer**

The Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) established an Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in 2001, and the IPHRC held its 5th Session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 1-5 June 2014. The IPHRC mandate is to promote and protect human rights, and monitor human rights violations, in OIC countries.

The OIC has publicly acknowledged that there are human rights challenges in OIC member states, and the IPCHR has said that it draws on international law and human rights norms in monitoring human rights violations in OIC member states.

There are different legal systems, and different understandings of human rights in law and practice, across the 57 member states of the OIC. The OIC is as an umbrella body for states with significant Muslim populations. The OIC does not have a role in legislating or enforcing specific human rights standards or practices on its members. However, through the 1990 Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam (CDHRI), the OIC has aimed to provide general guidance to member states on human rights issues.

Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights refers to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. These rights are not mentioned in the CDHRI.

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The right to freedom of religion in particular is not guaranteed by law in all OIC member states.

Gender equality is on the OIC's agenda. The OIC in 2010 agreed to establish a Women's Development Organization (WDC), based in Cairo. The 2010 Statute of the WDC recognizes "the important role that women play in political and socio-economic development of national societies on the basis of justice and equal opportunity". The IPCHR reported that it discussed the topic of women's human rights in detail at its meeting in June 2014, aimed at defining common OIC positions on the issue.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - West Papua**

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**Senator Madigan**

### Question

**Senator MADIGAN:** *Could you take on notice to provide the committee with what current health and education statistics are available for the West Papuan province?*

**Ms Corcoran:** *I can take that on notice.*

### Answer

Health indicators for Indonesia's Papua and West Papua provinces are consistently lower when compared with national averages. For example, the ratio of child stunting in Papua is 40 per cent and West Papua is 44 per cent, while the national average is 37 per cent. In some areas of education however, Papua and West Papua have mixed performance against national averages. For example, 15.2 per cent of Indonesians are illiterate, compared with 36.9 per cent in Papua and 8.6 per cent in West Papua.

Further information on health indicators can be found:

- United Nations Development Program's reports on Papua (<http://www.undp.or.id/papua/reports.asp>)
- World Health Organisation's reports on Indonesia (<http://www.who.int/countries/idn/en/>)

Further information on education statistics can be found:

- Indonesian Statistical Bureau's Census of 2010 <http://sp2010.bps.go.id/index.php/site?id=91&wilayah=Papua-Barat>
- Additional education statistics are available at [http://www.bps.go.id/eng/menutab.php?tabel=1&kat=1&id\\_subyek=28](http://www.bps.go.id/eng/menutab.php?tabel=1&kat=1&id_subyek=28)



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**Senator Madigan**

**Question**

**Senator MADIGAN:** *Does DFAT fund any human rights NGOs in West Papua, and which ones are they if you do?*

**Ms Corcoran:** *I am not aware of that so I will have to take that on notice as well.*

**Answer**

No. DFAT does not fund human rights NGOs in the Papua provinces in Indonesia.

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**Question No 44**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ICJ - Permanent Court of Arbitration**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** ... Is the government able to indicate in broad terms or to take on notice how much has been spent on litigating both the matter before the ICJ and the matter before the Permanent Court of Arbitration?

**Senator Brandis:** I will take that on notice. As you rightly say, these are fairly significant issues and there are a lot of lawyers involved. I will take on notice how much has been expended on legal fees.

**Senator XENOPHON:** I am happy for that. If you can also indicate both departmental time and external lawyers?

**Senator Brandis:** For you, Senator Xenophon, I will extend that to include the Attorney-General's Department officials even though this is not the Attorney-General's estimates. For you I will not take a pedantic point about this being asked in the wrong estimates.

**Answer**

The Attorney-General's Department has advised that the Government has provided necessary funding to ensure the cases are defended carefully and thoroughly. The Government will not detail this funding as doing so could reveal aspects of Australia's legal strategy.

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**Program: DFAT**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *That is the case, so if Mr Cox could assist me on this. Mr Peter Baxter, the then Director-General of AusAID, provided a response to Fairfax in respect of that and there was an issue as to how the complaints were to be dealt with in terms of the allegations by these 30 or so Cambodians of human rights abuses. Mr Baxter gave a comprehensive response to the Sydney Morning Herald saying, 'We are working through these issues.' Can you advise whether the complaints of those Cambodians who went to the Human Rights Commission have been satisfactorily dealt with?*

**Mr Cox:** *I will ask Ms Corcoran to answer that.*

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Are you familiar with the broad issue?*

**Mr Cox:** *Yes. Ms Corcoran will help to answer this one for us.*

**Ms Corcoran:** *I will actually have to take that on notice to find out where the situation is with respect to the Human Rights Commission.*

**Answer**

On 5 December 2013, the Australian Human Rights Commission decided that the complaint regarding the Cambodia Railway Rehabilitation Project was 'misconceived' because Australia does not have jurisdiction over the complainants for the purposes of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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**Question No 46**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Just to confirm that you have taken this on notice. You do not have figures in the \$5 billion at the moment of how much of that is currently committed and, in particular, you do not have figures about the \$309 million increase to \$686 million, how much of that \$686 million is committed? They are not figures that you can get for us in the next day or two?*

**Mr Wood:** *We will take that on notice. This relates to next year's budget allocations, so we will have to see*

**Answer**

Refer to answer to Question on Notice 30.

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**Question No 47**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Burma - Sectarian violence**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *I apologise for not knowing the answer to this, but has the government formally supported the calls for an investigation into the sectarian violence? I know that there have been calls for an investigation, particularly in Arakan state, with a view to possibly prosecuting those responsible. There have certainly been international calls for there to be an investigation into some of those events. I am wondering if we hold a formal position on that.*

**Mr Cox:** *I might have to take that one specifically on notice and ask our ambassador in Rangoon whether that is the case.*

**Answer:**

Australia has encouraged the establishment of independent investigations in response to particular incidents, most recently following an alleged incident in Du Chee Yar Tan village, Rakhine State in January 2014.

We have consistently raised the need for perpetrators of sectarian violence to be brought to justice directly with the Myanmar Government and we will continue to do this.

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**Senator Dastyari**

### Question

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Mr Cox, you made the point that there have been repeated conversations and opportunities to raise this issue and the steps that have been taken. Can you take on notice to provide a bit of an outline? If you can ask the ambassador if he can provide a bit of an outline for us of the exact steps we have taken, the correspondence and the times in which we have raised this, that would be good. Again, can we explore the possibility of what more the department, the government and the minister can do?*

**Answer:** Australia's representations to the Myanmar Government on the situation in Rakhine State have included:

Date	Who	Context
2-4 July 2014	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Raised concerns with leaders (including President Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs Wunna Maung Lwin, Lower House Speaker Shwe Mann, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Kan Zaw and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi) during a bilateral visit to Burma
23-27 June 2014	Second Secretary Rangoon	Raised concerns during a monitoring visit to Rakhine State
7-9 May 2014	Second Secretary Rangoon	Raised concerns during a monitoring visit to Rakhine State
27 April 2014	Second Secretary	Raised concerns in the

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	Rangoon	sidelines of the opening ceremony of the Arakan National Conference held in Sittwe, Rakhine State
9 April 2014	Ambassador Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with Minister for Education Dr Khin San Yee
8 April 2014	Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York	Raised concerns in the Secretary General's Partnership Group on Myanmar (with Minister of Immigration and Population Khin Yi)
6 April 2014	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Issued a media release outlining concerns in response to violence against UN and NGO offices
28 March 2014	Deputy Head of Mission Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyaw Zeya, in response to attacks on UN and NGO offices
28 March 2014	Ambassador Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with Deputy Minister for Health Dr Thein Thein Htay in response to attacks on UN and NGO offices
12 March 2014	Deputy Secretary Bird	Raised concerns in meetings with President's Office Minister Aung Min and Director General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saw Lwin including on the suspension of Médecins Sans Frontières operations in Rakhine State
1 March 2014	Development Counsellor Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with Minister for Health Pe Thet Khin and President's Office Ministers Soe Thane and Aung Min on the suspension of Médecins Sans Frontières operations in Rakhine State
26-28 February 2014	Second Secretary Rangoon	Raised concerns during a monitoring visit to Rakhine State
7-9 February 2014	Minister for Immigration and Border Protection	Raised concerns directly with Minister for Immigration and Population Khin Yi, President's

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		Office Minister Soe Thane and Director General, Border Areas and National Development Department, Ministry of Border Affairs, Htwe Hla, during a bilateral visit to Burma including Rakhine State
22 January 2014	Deputy Head of Mission Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with Director General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saw Lwin, in response to allegations of two serious incidents in the Northern Rakhine State village of Du Chee Yar Tan
23 January 2014	Ambassador Rangoon	Raised concerns directly with President's Office Minister Aung Min in response to allegations of two serious incidents in the Northern Rakhine State village of Du Chee Yar Tan
26 November 2013	Ambassador Rangoon	Sent joint letter with other likeminded Embassies (US, UK & Switzerland) to Vice President Sai Mauk Kham, President's Office Minister Soe Thane, Minister for Immigration and Population Khin Yi and Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win outlining findings of a joint visit to Rakhine State
11-12 November 2013	Second Secretary Rangoon	Raised concerns with Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win during joint (US, UK & Switzerland) monitoring visit to Rakhine State
23 September 2013	Deputy Head of Mission Rangoon and Second Secretary Rangoon	Raised concerns with the President's Chief Political Adviser, Ko Ko Hlaing
22-27 September 2013	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Raised concerns with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Wunna Maung Lwin, in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York



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We will continue to work constructively towards achieving a lasting resolution to the situation, including through direct advocacy and cooperation with the international community and humanitarian partners.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Funding**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *If a decision was to be made to reallocate the aid funding—and in particular my view of what is about to be reallocated for it, which is the cross-regional programs funding—is that a cabinet decision, is that an ERC decision or is that an executive decision? Can the minister make that decision for that kind of reallocation herself? I just do not know the process of it.*

**Senator Brandis:** *The cabinet ultimately signs off on the ERC's recommendations in relation to the budget. As to the allocation of monies to particular programs within particular portfolios, ordinarily that is done under the headline process of the budget. I am not sufficiently familiar with the arrangements within this portfolio and the particular programs of which you speak to be able to answer that question, so I will take it on notice.*

**Answer**

Cabinet approves the overall aid budget and initial indicative aid program allocations at a high level (e.g. country program and sectoral or thematic level).

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**Question No 50**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Cambodia - Prime Minister Hun Sen**

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**Senator Milne**

**Question**

**Senator MILNE:** *In relation to that, is it true that Prime Minister Hun Sen has suspended freedom of association and banned people meeting in Freedom Park, for example?*

**Mr Cox:** *I will need to take that detail on notice. Certainly, as far as I am aware, there are still groups gathering in Phnom Penh, so I really do not know the answer to that question. Suffice to say that I think groups are still congregating. I will take that one on notice.*

**Answer**

The Cambodian Government imposed a temporary ban on protests following violent clashes by protesters in January. Access to Freedom Park has been blocked.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Cambodia - Banks**

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**Senator Milne**

**Question**

**Senator MILNE:** *I am asking whether DFAT representatives have had meetings with any of the big four **[banks]** where Cambodia has been discussed?*

**Ms Corcoran:** *I will have to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

Yes.

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**Question No 52**

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**Senator Milne**

**Question**

**Senator MILNE:** *Further to that, can you tell me if any steps have been taken by DFAT in relation to the Banking on Shaky Ground report that was released by Oxfam in April this year which indicated that ANZ had been involved in investing in a company which was associated with a government minister and which saw people displaced from their land and a large amount of money going to that particular political figure?*

**Mr Cox:** *My notes suggest that for issues relating to the Banking on Shaky Ground Oxfam report, that my colleague Mr Sam Gerovich, the head of the Trade and Economic Diplomacy Division, may have more to assist us. I do not know if he is here at the moment. I might ask him to answer those questions later or we can take them on notice.*

**Answer**

It is up to companies named in the report to respond. DFAT encourages all Australian companies operating overseas to uphold their legal, corporate and social responsibilities.

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**Question No 53**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Charter aircraft**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Why wouldn't you charter a plane there [in Burma] to do that [fly from Rangoon to Naypyidaw] rather than from Singapore?*

**Mr Cox:** *Mr Roach will have to answer that one.*

**Mr Roach:** *I will need to take that on notice, I think. From having served in South-East Asia I suspect it may come down to issues around aircraft safety.*

**Answer**

Planning documents for the visit indicate that airline safety and the limited number of flight options to enable Mr Carr to conduct programs in Singapore and Burma were the primary considerations.

DFAT's travel advice at the time was:

"The safety record of domestic airlines is not publicly available, nor is information on the Myanmar government's oversight of maintenance standards of domestic airlines. This lack of transparency raises concerns about airline safety in Myanmar. In 2010, the International Civil Aviation Organisation conducted a safety audit (<http://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/USOAP-Results.aspx>).

You should be aware that airlines operating in Myanmar sometimes use aircraft from outside their own fleet. Passengers are not advised in advance where this is the case.

There have been a number of accidents involving airlines:

- In May 2013, A Myanmar Airways plane overran the runway when landing at Monghsat Airport. Two passengers were injured and the plane sustained damage to its landing gear and engine.

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- In December 2012, an Air Bagan flight crash landed and caught fire at Heho Airport (Inle Lake). Several passengers were injured and two people died as a result of the incident.
- In February 2012, an Air KBZ plane crash landed at Thandwe (Ngapali beach) airport. While the plane was severely damaged, none of the passengers were injured.
- In June 2009, a Myanmar Airways flight slid off the runway at Sittwe Airport. The plane was severely damaged and three people were injured.
- In March 2008, an Air Bagan flight from Yangon to the resort area of Ngapali in Rakhine State experienced a significant mid-air engine problem which required the aircraft to return to Yangon. The aircraft was reportedly on loan from Myanmar Airways.
- In February 2008, an Air Bagan aircraft was severely damaged during an aborted take-off from Putao in northern Kachin State.”

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**Topic: Ministerial - Charter aircraft**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** ... What was the cost of that charter flight?

**Mr Roach:** Looking at the date of that visit, it is after 1 July 2013 and the financial information we are waiting on the Department of Finance to publish. We will know that imminently.

**Senator EDWARDS:** So that will be forthcoming shortly, and take that as one on notice.

**Senator Brandis:** We will take that on notice, Senator.

**Answer**

The cost of the charter flight was S\$114,800 (A\$98,481.18).



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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Who accompanied Minister Carr on this flight at that time?*

...

**Senator EDWARDS:** ... *What was the seating capacity of the aircraft?*

**Mr Roach:** *I need to take that on notice. I recall there may have been a couple of members of the press who were invited to accompany Senator Carr on that visit. That is my recollection.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *To go back to my previous question, how many people were on the plane?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

Five people flew on the charter plane from Singapore to Nay Pyi Taw. Senator Carr was accompanied by Mrs Carr; Mr Patrick Low, Senior Media Adviser; Ms Anne Witheford, Adviser; Assistant Secretary, Ms Kate Duff, South-East Asia Bilateral Branch, DFAT; and Mr Mark Baker, Journalist, Fairfax.

11 people flew on the flight from Nay Pyi Taw to Rangoon. In addition to the five people listed above, this included Ms Bronte Moules, Australia's Ambassador to Burma; Mr Rod Brazier, First Assistant Director - East Asia, AusAID; Ms Ruth Stewart, Deputy Head of Mission, Rangoon Embassy, DFAT; Mr Benjamin Lavis, Second Secretary, Rangoon Embassy, DFAT; Ms Seema Chandra, First Secretary, AusAID; and Ms Yvonne Carroll, Second Secretary, Bangkok Embassy, DFAT.

The aircraft was a 16 seater Gulfstream.

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Do you know what the aircraft was?*

**Mr Roach:** *No, I do not.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *But you will get back to me on that. Did the department propose a smaller aircraft in the initial instance?*

**Mr Roach:** *I would have to take that on notice*

**Answer**

A Hawker 8-seater was initially approved. It became unavailable in the week visit prior to the visit and a 16 seater Gulfstream was selected.

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *If you do not know the answer to that question you will not know whether that was rejected by the minister at the time. Please come back to me on that. If that was the case, there was an aircraft rejected by the minister, could you come back to me with the difference in the cost between those two aircraft, the one that was rejected and the one that was ultimately taken?*

**Mr Roach:** *I can do that, Senator.*

**Answer**

A Hawker 8-seater was initially approved at a quoted cost of US\$55,500 (approx. A\$51,026). It became unavailable in the week prior to the visit and a 16 seater Gulfstream was selected with a cost of S\$114,800 (A\$98,481.18).

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Change Management**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Ms Rawson:** *There has been some expertise contracted on change management for a short term, but I do not have the details of that.*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Do you know what organisation that was?*

**Mr Fisher:** *We are about to contract an agent. I had better not say who it is, because I am not sure whether the contract has actually gone through the system.*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Could you take that detail on notice. I do not want to upset contractual arrangements and see DFAT placed in a disadvantageous position as a result of a question that I asked at estimates. If you could take that on notice and respond as soon as you are able to, that would be appreciated.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I am happy to do that.*

**Answer**

KPMG was contracted by DFAT in early June to provide high-level advice on aspects of the implementation of the department's capability improvement and change management program of work. The procurement was undertaken through an existing government panel arrangement for consulting and business services. Details of the contract can be found on AusTender (ref. no. CN2304891).

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**Question No 59**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Mr Roach:** *Just very quickly, I can see that there are a couple of trips the foreign minister made to the United Kingdom. One of them was in January, from 29 January to 2 February, and Senator Carr was in London. He also did a visit around 25 to 30 April, so it could be either of those.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Who accompanied Mr Carr on that visit [to London] from 29 January to 2 February?*

**Mr Newman:** *From memory he had James Larsen with him. I was there from the department. There could have been others, but we can take that on notice.*

**Answer**

Mr Carr was accompanied by Mrs Carr, Mr Graeme Wedderburn, Senior Adviser, Mr Paul Grigson, Deputy Secretary, DFAT and Mr Jeremy Newman, First Assistant Secretary, DFAT.

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**Question No 60**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Former FM travel**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *What was the event that was cancelled?*

**Mr Newman:** *I am not sure. I haven't got the article that you are referring to in front of me.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Then it would follow that you don't know why Mr Carr would cancel the event?*

**Mr Newman:** *No.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Because you don't know what the event was?*

**Mr Newman:** *No.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *But you are going to find out?*

**Mr Roach:** *We can take that on notice.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *While you are there and we are heading down this burrow can you also tell me when Mr Carr, if indeed he did cancel the event, advise the department that he was actually going to do that and take that action?*

**Mr Roach:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Department is not aware of what event is being referred to in the article. Mr Carr travelled to the UK on four occasions: from 15 to 17 April and 13 to 15 June in 2012 and 29 January to 2 February and 25 to 30 April in 2013. He had a range of appointments during these visits.

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Particularly that period 29 January to the 2 February in the UK, can you tell me how many times Mr Carr attended the theatre during that visit?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will have to take that on notice.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Could you also tell me when you are responding to that whether it was Mr Carr or the Australian [High Commissioner] that made the bookings, and was it Mr Carr or the Australian high commission that purchase the tickets, and did any did departmental officials accompany Mr Carr to the theatre?*

**Mr Roach:** *Certainly out of that those three questions I can answer the first one. It would routinely be a high commission that would make the purchase of tickets. I cannot answer the second or third ones on the spot. In terms of his visit to the United Kingdom at the end of January 2013, we have previously table a document that spells out the appointments that he had over that period of time. I am happy to re-table that, of course...*

**Answer**

Mr Carr paid for theatre tickets privately. He attended three times during this visit. The High Commissioner accompanied at private expense.

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**Program: DFAT**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *If I could refer to a publication which Mr Carr had some involvement in, where he is quoted in that unnamed publication that he 'had insisted on seizing the weekend for a trip to Stratford'. While there Mr Carr saw at least two plays. What was the cost of the weekend trip and was it paid for by Mr Carr or the department?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will need to take that on notice.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *That he went, the costs and how many departmental officials were required to accompany Mr Carr on his weekend trip? Given that we are looking to move along, you might also give us, if you don't know, what else Mr Carr did while he was in London? I suspect you don't know.*

**CHAIR:** *He probably went to the theatre*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *You can find out. You do not need to tonight.*

**Mr Roach:** *I can find out, but I can't tell you now.*

**Answer**

The visit referred to in Mr Carr's 'Diary of a Foreign Minister' was from 29 January 2013 to 2 February 2013.

Mr Carr's program for the visit included meetings with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations, the former Prime Minister (the Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP), the Shadow Foreign Secretary, the Shadow Minister for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Shadow Minister for Defence, the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence, the Secretary of State for International Development, the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change the Senior Minister of State (Faith and Communities) and Government Spokesperson of the Department for



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Communities and Local Government and Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Former Director General of the British Secret Intelligence Service. He also attended a business roundtable and a roundtable with the Financial Times, and visited the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at Hanslope Park and the former Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) site at Bletchley Park.

Mr Carr paid for his own accommodation and theatre tickets in Stratford. The High Commissioner accompanied at personal expense. One DFAT officer accompanied to Stratford; the officer did not attend the theatre.

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**Senator Edwards**

### **Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *No, that is thoroughly reasonable. Did the British government propose any meetings for Mr Carr while he was there at the time over that period?*

**Mr Roach:** *I am sure that in putting together program there is communication between governments about what the program would look like. There would have been messages going backwards and forwards. I am not sure to what extent we will be able to pull it apart but we will try.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Could you also find for us who those meetings were with and did Mr Carr actually accept these meeting requests?*

**Mr Roach:** *Certainly, yes.*

### **Answer**

Mr Carr's program for his visit to the United Kingdom from 29 January to 2 February 2013 included meetings which were requested by his office and suggestions proposed by the Australian High Commission in London.

Mr Carr met with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations, the former Prime Minister (the Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP), the Shadow Foreign Secretary, the Shadow Minister for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Shadow Minister for Defence, the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence, the Secretary of State for International Development, the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change the Senior Minister of State (Faith and Communities) and Government Spokesperson of the Department for Communities and Local Government and Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Former Director General of the British Secret Intelligence Service. He also attended a business roundtable and a roundtable with the Financial Times, and visited the Foreign and

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Commonwealth Office at Hanslope Park and the former Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) site at Bletchley Park.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Former FM travel**

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**Senator Edwards**

### **Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Mr Carr made another weekend trip to Stratford during a visit in that trip that you mentioned—25 to 30 April 2013—where he attended at least two more plays. If you could find out the same information for his earlier sojourn to Stratford, all those same questions. Am I right, Mr Roach, you probably do not have those at hand? If you could supply the same information please.*

**Mr Roach:** Yes.

### **Answer**

Mr Carr attended the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group meeting. In the UK, Mr Carr's program also included discussions with Tony Blair; the UK Foreign Secretary and the Canadian Foreign Minister; Vanuatuan Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs; Director, Armed Services Charities Advisory Company, Trustee Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the Sir Winston Churchill Archives Trust & Trustee of the Churchill Centre; HRH the Prince of Wales; Lord Robert May; roundtable discussion with climate change academics; Australian Rhodes Scholars, Monash Scholars and Charlie Perkins Scholars; Mr Ray Chambers, UNSG's Special Envoy for Malaria.

Mr Carr paid for his own accommodation and theatre tickets in Stratford. The High Commissioner accompanied and paid his own expenses.

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**Question No 65**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Former FM travel**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did Mr Carr or any of his ministerial office ever request that return flights be booked on Sunday night to give Mr Carr the weekend for his own personal use?*

**Mr Roach:** *Can I just make sure that I understand that question—'leaving Australia or leaving the UK?'*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *No, returning to Australia. Was ever the request made by Mr Carr that he be booked on the Sunday night flight so that he could the weekend for his personal use?*

**Answer**

The Department is not aware of any requests being made by Mr Carr to depart on Sunday night from the United Kingdom so he could use the weekend for his own personal use. Senator Carr travelled to the United Kingdom four times as Foreign Minister:

15 April to 17 April 2012

13 June to 15 June 2012

29 January to 2 February 2013

25 April to 30 April 2013.

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**Question No 66**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - 2013 Anzac Day Service (Villers-Bretonneux)**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Did the Amiens Brass Orchestra perform at the 2013 Anzac Day service at Villers-Bretonneux?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will need to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

No. The Amiens Brass Orchestra played at the Villers-Bretonneux Town Hall Concert.

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**Question No 67**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - 2013 Anzac Day Service (Villers-Bretonneux)**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Can you confirm that Mr Carr walked out of the [2013 Anzac Day service at Villers-Bretonneux] service during the orchestra's performance?*

...

**Senator EDWARDS:** *And I am interested to know—and I would like the department to confirm this if you could—did Mr Carr give a reason for leaving?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will take that on notice. We will need to follow up with the post in Paris. That is not something that I can tell you overnight.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *You will be able to confirm a departure time.*

**Mr Roach:** *We should be able to do that.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *So when he did depart during the performance of the orchestra, did he remain in the vicinity of the Anzac Day service for some time after walking out?*

**Mr Roach:** *I will try to get you an answer on that.*

**Answer**

- A. Mr Carr stayed for the duration of the 2013 Anzac Day service at Villers-Bretonneux. He left the separate Town Hall concert at Villers-Bretonneux before the concert's scheduled conclusion.
- B. No.
- C. Mr Carr left the Town Hall concert at Villers-Bretonneux at 10.15am.
- D. Mr Carr and his delegation remained in front of the Town Hall for a brief period before his convoy departed.

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**Question No 68**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - 2013 Anzac Day services (Villers-Bretonneux)**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Are you aware if the Australian Embassy in France received any correspondence complaining about Mr Carr's behaviour at the service?*

**Mr Roach:** *No, I am not aware,*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *If indeed there was a complaint I would like to know who made it; what was the date of that correspondence; was the correspondence forwarded to the minister's office if it exists; and did the minister's office request a ministerial or departmental reply and, if so, what was the date of that reply? Thank you very much, Chair.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take all those questions on notice.*

**Answer**

- A. The Embassy received correspondence related to Mr Carr's departure from the Town Hall Concert.
- B. The band's conductor, Mr Eric Brisse, sent an email to the Embassy's cultural attaché on 25 April 2013. The Embassy's First Secretary sent a reply by email on 29 April. The incoming email was not forwarded to the Minister's office.
- C. Our Ambassador sent an email to the Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux, who was also present at the Amiens Brass Orchestra's concert, on 3 May. This email thanked the Mayor for his hospitality and support for Anzac Day commemorative activities and regretted that the demands of Mr Carr's program required him and his official party to leave before the concert's conclusion.



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**Question No 69**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Carr Diaries - Signed copies of Mr Carr's book**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Mr Varghese, we have danced around this issue a bit, but I was wondering if you could just take this on notice: How many Australian ambassadors and high commissioners have asked for signed copies of Mr Carr's book, with the particular goal of giving them as gifts to foreign ministers and foreign dignitaries? Could you take that on notice? I think you will be surprised that it is quite a high number.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take that on notice.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will certainly take it on notice. I am not aware of a single such case, but I'm happy to take it on notice.*

**Answer**

There have been no cases where an Australian Ambassador or High Commissioner has asked for signed copies of Mr Carr's book to give as gifts to Foreign Ministers and foreign dignitaries.

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**Question No 70**

**Program: DFAT**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *Could I just ask a question of the secretary. Secretary, could you outline for the benefit of the committee, please, what the obligations are on ministers in relation to access of the records of the previous government after a new minister has been sworn in, and what sanctions there are if those constraints are broken?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I would need to check the details but my understanding is that certainly the convention—it may be more than a convention—is that ministers of an incoming government do not have access to the records of previous governments. As to whether there have been cases where that convention has not been observed and what happened, I am not aware of any but I am happy to examine whether at least in the Foreign Affairs portfolio there have been any such incidents.*

**Senator FAULKNER:** *I would appreciate that. Could you outline also for the benefit of the committee what obligations are on an agency, an agency head but other senior officials—the agency in the broad—in relation to providing such information to an incoming minister in that portfolio?*

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#### **Answer**

There is a long-standing practice that new governments do not have access to information regarding the policy deliberations of the previous government. This includes ministerial submissions, briefings, Cabinet documents (including submissions and minutes/decisions), records of conversation, ministerial correspondence and possible parliamentary questions. Where continuity of administration requires reference to decisions made by previous governments, including Cabinet documents, staff provide ministers only with summaries of relevant facts and operative decisions necessary for an understanding of current issues. Staff may draw upon the factual content of correspondence prepared under the previous government when preparing submissions and briefs for ministers of the new government, but the documents themselves are not handed over. The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade issued an Administrative Circular on 9 September 2013 which conveyed these priorities to all staff.

Sanctions for breaching this practice would be considered on a case-by-case basis taking into account the intention, severity and background circumstances to such an instance. We are not aware of any cases where the convention has not been followed within the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Following a change in government, Cabinet Secretariat documents are returned to the Cabinet Liaison Office in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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**Question No 71**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Legal advice**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *And this note [on Israeli Settlements activity, tabled by Senator Carr at Estimates in February 2013] was based on legal advice from the department?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will have to go back and refresh my memory as to what I said in relation to whether it was based on departmental advice or whether it was—*  
...

**Senator Brandis:** *Mr Varghese has taken the appropriate course and effectively said he wants to reflect upon the matter, so he can take it on notice.*

**Answer**

The document tabled by the former Foreign Minister, Bob Carr, in the Senate Estimates (Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee) on 14 February 2013 was not a DFAT document but was based on legal advice provided to the Foreign Minister's Office by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as Senator Carr advised the Committee at the time of the tabling the document.

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**Question No 72**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Israel - International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion (July 2014)**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *If there was a Senate order for the production of that legal opinion, is that something you would claim public interest immunity on?*

**Senator Brandis:** *I have not thought about it. Let me take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Department would determine its response to a Senate order for the production of legal advice provided to the Government on receipt of such an order.

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**Question No 73**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Israel - Meeting with Israeli Housing Minister**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** *One needs to ask one questions in different ways, one learns, when one is with Minister Brandis. Was the Minister for Foreign Affairs aware that the meeting [was taking place?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Again, if we did not have prior knowledge of it, I doubt that the minister would have been aware.*

**Senator RHIANNON:** *The question was about the Minister for Foreign Affairs. You are saying you doubt it. Do you need to take it on notice?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will take that on notice. I find it difficult to believe that she would have had prior knowledge if her officials did not, but I am happy to take it on notice.*

**Answer**

No, she was not aware it was taking place.

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**Question No 74**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Palestinian Territories**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Does Mr Varghese have a view on whether the territories are occupied or not?*

**CHAIR:** *I am not sure that that is a fair question to ask the head of the department.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *How is it not a fair question to ask the secretary?*

**Senator RHIANNON:** *The question can be asked.*

**CHAIR:** *Because it is a political question.*

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Could the secretary take it on notice?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will take it on notice.*

**Answer**

There has been no change in the Australian Government's position on the legal status of the Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem.

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**Question No 75**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Meetings in Tel Aviv**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** ...Mr Varghese, does the ambassador have to go to the embassy in Tel Aviv or not for meetings, and does he have to go through military checkpoints to get there?

**Mr Varghese:** *I do not know the answer to the second part of your question—*

**Senator RHIANNON:** *Could you take it on notice, please.*

**Mr Varghese:** *I do not know whether Mr Innes-Brown is in a position to answer it? No. We will take it on notice.*

**Answer**

The Ambassador works at the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv. He does not need to travel through military checkpoints to get there.



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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Location of Embassy**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**A. Senator XENOPHON:** *Perhaps I could ask a more neutral question and maybe this will assist me, or the committee. I ask this to Mr Varghese and to you, Attorney: has the government of Israel asked Australia, at any time since 1967, to move our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem? Mr Varghese?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I would have to take that on notice. You are asking me a question going back to 1967, so I will take that—*

**Senator XENOPHON:** *No; since 1967.*

**Mr Varghese:** *Yes; it is a long period of time.*

**B. Senator DASTYARI:** *Are you aware of any times on your watch?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will take it on notice.*

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Supplementary to that: if we have been asked, why haven't we?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Why haven't we been asked?*

**C. Senator XENOPHON:** *No. If we have been asked to move our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, what has the response been and why have we not done so, if we have been asked?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I had better take that on notice.*

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**Answer**

- A. To look into records for every interaction with the Israeli Government since 1967 would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- B. No.
- C. Not applicable.

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**Question No 77**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Palestinian children in custody**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Could you please take this on notice: in respect of Palestinian children in custody, have any representations—and, if so, what was the nature of those representations—been made to the Israeli government?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I am happy to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

In February, the Australian Embassy in Israel made formal representations to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice expressing Australia's concerns about Israel's security and judicial practices toward Palestinian minors. This followed the Embassy's last round of formal representations on this issue in March 2013. The Department also raised Australia's concerns about this issue with the Israeli Embassy in Canberra in February.

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**Question No 78**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Symposium - Indian Ocean Naval Symposium**

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**Senator Eggleston**

**Question**

**CHAIR:** *Which countries came to that [Indian Ocean Naval Symposium] symposium?*

**Mr Robilliard:** *I would have to take that on notice. It is run by the Department of Defence here. Its membership is broadly similar, I suppose, to that of IORA, but I would want to confirm that for you.*

**CHAIR:** *Does it include associated parties, shall we say, like China?*

**Mr Robilliard:** *I would really hesitate to get into the detail because, as I say, it is not something for which we have responsibility. I will check that for you.*

**Answer** The Department of Defence has advised that questions relating to the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) should be directed to that Department.

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**Question No 79**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Peace Plan**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *So there was never an Israeli-Palestinian conflict peace plan drafted by the department or Mr Rudd's office?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *I would have to check for you the involvement, if any, of the department in that.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *But you do not rule out there having been a role?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *I am not aware of any role, but I would like to check in order to be definitive about it.*

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**Senator EDWARDS:** *So you would not be aware of how many soldiers Mr Rudd was promising to commit?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *No.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *But you are going to check that?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *We will check our Middle East branch records about what, if anything, we know about it.*

**Answer**

The Department has not had any involvement in a Middle East peace plan proposed by Mr Rudd, if such a plan existed.

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**Question No 80**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Peace Plan**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *If Mr Rudd's peace plan did exist, could you also check what the estimated cost of it was?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *Okay.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *While you are there, you might also check whether Mr Rudd submitted his proposal to the National Security Committee before approaching the Israeli government; and, if that happened, when did it happen?*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *I will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Department has not had any involvement in a Middle East peace plan proposed by Mr Rudd, if such a plan existed.

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**Question No 81**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Peace Plan**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *At that point, if you do find that that did occur, could you tell us whether the proposal did go through the secretary's committee on national security; and, if so, when? Also, if you do find that there was a peace plan, it would be interesting to know what consultations took place with the Department of Defence before Mr Rudd approached the Israeli government with this peace plan, and any other consultations that took place.*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *Okay.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *That will identify also—you could look for this also—when Mr Rudd's peace plan was first put to the Israeli government and, if there was, indeed, any reaction from the Israeli government to that peace plan.*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *I will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Department has not had any involvement in a Middle East peace plan proposed by Mr Rudd, if such a plan existed.

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**Question No 82**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Middle East - Peace Plan**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I would also be interested in knowing how many times Mr Rudd raised the peace plan with the Israeli authorities. Also, if the peace plan was in existence when Mr Rudd was the foreign minister, was it ever raised by then Prime Minister Julia Gillard in her discussions with the Israeli government? If so, when?*

*Did Mr Rudd advise the US government on any of the details of his peace plan? If he did, when, who did he advise and what was the reaction of the US government? It follows then: did Mr Rudd raise his proposal with authorities in the Palestine territories? If he did, when, whom did he advise and what was the reaction of the Palestine authorities? Did Mr Carr ever raise Mr Rudd's peace plan in discussions with Israeli authorities? If so, when?*

**Answer**

The Department has not had any involvement in a Middle East peace plan proposed by Mr Rudd, if such a plan existed.



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**Question No 83**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - Economic Cooperation Treaty**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *I do. I will just go to Papua New Guinea, if I can. I just ask: what is the reason for the Economic Cooperation Treaty recently signed by Australia and Papua New Guinea?*

**Ms Klugman:** *We will provide that.*

**Answer**

The development of the Economic Cooperation Treaty was recommended in the 2010 independent review of the *Treaty on Development Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of Papua New Guinea*. That review found that an economic cooperation treaty would reflect the contemporary, maturing bilateral relationship with Papua New Guinea.

The change from a development focused treaty to an Economic Cooperation Treaty is both practical and symbolic. As well as setting out a framework for key areas of cooperation to foster bilateral trade and investment, the Economic Cooperation Treaty demonstrates the importance of a relationship based on economic and strategic partnership, and less focused on aid.

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**Question No 84**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Public Diplomacy - Australia Network**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator FAWCETT:** *Senator Mason, can I just ask you this? I understand that it is important within budget priorities, but is it not also important that we fund effective programs? Are you aware of an article by Greg Sheridan, where he referred to a report that had been prepared by the previous government into the effectiveness of the Australia Network?*

**Senator Mason:** *I am aware of the general debate about the effectiveness but not Mr Sheridan's particular article.*

**Senator FAWCETT:** *Secretary, are you aware of the report that Mr Sheridan refers to?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I am not, but it might have been done at a time when I—*

**Senator FAWCETT:** *Could you take on notice to get the name of that report?*

**Answer**

The report "Performance Review of the Australia Network" was completed in 2013. It is commercial-in-confidence and DFAT cannot release the document.

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**Question No 85**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Public Diplomacy - Australia Network**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Yes, and you accept, on that point—from what Mr Tranter said—there is a report from the ABC that you have not made public and that was sent to you prior to the termination where it outlined clearly that it was meeting its KPIs.*

**Mr Varghese:** *It could well be the case that—*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Could you take on notice making that report public? It may be commercial-in-confidence. There seem to be things that are commercial-in-confidence that you cannot release, but can you take on notice whether that is something that you can release?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I will take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Performance Review of the Australia Network is commercial-in-confidence and DFAT cannot release document.

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**Question No 86**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget - Budget statements**

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**Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**Senator McEWEN:** *Would you be able to provide a copy of that or take it on notice to provide a copy of the advice that you got from Treasury [as to preparations of ministerial statements as part of the budget papers]?*

**Mr Wood:** *I will check to see what we can do for that request.*

**Senator McEWEN:** *Had any preparation on a ministerial statement for aid been undertaken before you received the advice from Treasury that there would be no ministerial statement?*

**Mr Wood:** *I will take it notice.*

**Answer**

The Government did not request preparation of a ministerial statements for a range of portfolios, including aid, for the 2014-15 Budget. Material of the kind that has been published in previous ministerial statements for the aid program was published on the Department's website on budget night.

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**Question No 87**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Budget statements**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Faulkner**

**Question**

**Senator FAULKNER:** *What Senator McEwan is asking is: was a ministerial statement under preparation in the integrated department? I appreciate that a decision was made—or I have heard the evidence about the approach of Treasury—but, prior to that, was a statement being developed, and at what stage of this development process or budget process did the department receive that advice? I am trying to understand where in the process it becomes clear to the department that there is no statement on the aid program? In other words, was it underway and stopped and then it is placed on the department's website? What stage did you get up to?*

**Mr McDonald:** *As you would imagine, there is quite a deal of work that goes into the preparation of those statements, and therefore that preparation was being undertaken twofold—for the statement itself and for the internet. The content needs to go on both. During that process—and Mr Wood could elaborate—I am not sure what date we were advised, but my understanding is there were no ministerial statements issued. But we can take it on notice. I do not know what that date was.*

**Answer**

A. Refer to answer to question 86.

B. Advice was received on 9 April 2014.

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**Question No 88**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Infrastructure**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** *What percentage of the aid program is currently spent on infrastructure?*

**Mr McDonald:** *I think I will need to take that on notice. Unless I have someone here that can answer it, I would have to take that on notice.*

**Senator Brandis:** *When you say 'currently', do you mean in the current financial year?*

**Senator RHIANNON:** *Yes, in the current financial year. The statement the foreign minister obviously created a lot of interest. In the 2012-13 aid budget it came out at about six per cent. Anything getting up to 50 per cent, even in PNG, would be a big shift. I am just trying to understand what is happening.*

**Answer**

An estimated 8 per cent of the aid program was spent on infrastructure in 2013-14. Infrastructure includes energy, information and communications technology, transport and urban development.

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**Question No 89**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Indo Pacific countries**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *That is an issue that I have not really had, but I will repeat my question. The DFAT website states, 'The 2014-15 development assistance budget reinforced the government's decision to refocus Australian aid on the Indo-Pacific region, where 22 of 24 countries are still developing and face significant poverty issues.' Assuming you have not been asked this question, could you provide a list, whether now or on notice, of the 24 countries that you say fall into the Indo-Pacific region for the purposes of the Australian aid program?*

**Mr Varghese:** *Yes. I am happy to take that on notice unless we can answer it now.*

**Answer**

The 2014-15 development assistance budget reinforced the government's decision to refocus Australian aid on the Indo-Pacific region, where 22 of 24 of our nearest neighbours are still developing and face significant poverty issues.

Our 24 nearest neighbours are:

*Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Palau, Philippines, Fiji, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Singapore, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Malaysia, Vietnam, Marshall Islands, Niue, Cambodia, Samoa, Thailand, Tokelau, and China.*

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**Question No 90**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Bilateral Aid**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Further, could you provide a list of the countries that do not fall within the Indo-Pacific region but where the Australian government will continue to provide bilateral aid?*

**Mr McDonald:** *We can. There is a table on the website that lists those countries that we provide aid to. That is available on our website.*

**Answer**

The list of countries and regions that will receive Australian aid in 2014-15 can be viewed at [www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014\\_2015\\_highlights/](http://www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014_2015_highlights/) and is also included in the answer to Question on Notice 91.



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### Question No 91

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Bilateral Aid**

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**Senator Xenophon**

### Question

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Could you provide a breakdown of the aid provided in 2012-13 and 2013-14 by direct bilateral assistance provided through DFAT for all countries receiving Australian aid? Secondly, can you provide an estimate of the amount provided through DFAT regional and global expenditure? Thirdly, can you provide the estimated ODA eligible expenditure by other Australian government departments other than DFAT? I am very happy for that to be on notice.*

**Mr McDonald:** *We can answer some of that now. The other government departments this year, in terms of the budget, is about \$392 million. On our website, although Mr Wood can confirm this, you would have the whole-of-government ODA expenditure as well as the DFAT expenditure by country, multilateral and global program.*

**Senator XENOPHON:** *You can provide the further details of notice.*

### Answer

Country/Regional Programs	2012-13 Actual (\$m)	2013-14 Estimated Outcome (\$m)
Pacific	1,112.3	1,062.6
Papua New Guinea	501.2	519.4
Country	448.5	448.5
Regional/Global	33.6	34.8
OGD Data	19.0	36.1

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<b>Solomon Islands</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>164.4</b>
Country	102.7	90.4
Regional/Global	25.4	21.0
OGD Data	76.1	53.0
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>60.1</b>
Country	41.9	40.9
Regional/Global	22.6	17.8
OGD Data	1.0	1.4
<b>Samoa</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>36.4</b>
Country	26.1	23.1
Regional/Global	15.0	10.7
OGD Data	2.5	2.6
<b>Fiji</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>59.5</b>
Country	27.4	34.2
Regional/Global	20.4	22.4
OGD Data	2.4	2.9
<b>Tonga</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>29.3</b>
Country	16.2	17.2
Regional/Global	13.1	8.2
OGD Data	2.5	3.9
<b>Nauru</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>
Country	23.5	20.7
Regional/Global	8.4	7.7
OGD Data	1.1	1.2
<b>Kiribati</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>
Country	21.4	19.7
Regional/Global	11.3	6.0
OGD Data	0.3	0.6
<b>Tuvalu</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Country	7.6	6.6

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Regional/Global	5.2	3.5
<b>Cook Islands</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Country	2.4	1.0
Regional/Global	4.8	2.7
<b>Niue and Tokelau</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>North Pacific</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>Pacific Regional</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>105.4</b>
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>1,284.7</b>	<b>1,341.4</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>551.9</b>	<b>601.6</b>
Country	484.7	542.2
Regional/Global	32.9	34.1
OGD Data	34.3	25.2
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>138.9</b>
Country	103.9	95.0
Regional/Global	28.4	34.6
OGD Data	11.5	9.3
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>175.2</b>
Country	99.2	109.0
Regional/Global	31.3	61.0
OGD Data	2.9	5.2
<b>Timor-Leste</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>112.3</b>
Country	69.7	70.0
Regional/Global	16.5	15.9
OGD Data	25.4	26.5
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>77.5</b>
Country	49.7	51.1
Regional/Global	33.3	23.3
OGD Data	3.9	3.1
<b>Burma</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>81.4</b>
Country	58.5	62.1

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Regional/Global	17.0	19.3
<b>Laos</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>56.4</b>
Country	34.7	33.5
Regional/Global	14.9	18.6
OGD Data	5.5	4.3
<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Country	6.3	9.6
Regional/Global	8.0	6.8
OGD Data	0.5	0.3
<b>East Asia Regional</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>81.4</b>
<b>South and West Asia</b>	<b>487.6</b>	<b>435.9</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>177.3</b>	<b>149.3</b>
Country	132.9	130.9
Regional/Global	14.8	8.6
OGD Data	29.6	9.9
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>78.3</b>
Country	63.3	64.0
Regional/Global	8.7	11.2
OGD Data	4.5	3.1
<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>84.4</b>
Country	84.8	61.6
Regional/Global	21.0	18.6
OGD Data	4.9	4.1
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>40.8</b>
Country	25.7	32.4
Regional/Global	7.0	4.7
OGD Data	3.2	3.7
<b>Nepal</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>35.3</b>
Country	15.1	15.2
Regional/Global	19.6	18.9

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<b>Bhutan</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>
Country	4.2	3.5
Regional/Global	5.0	5.8
OGD Data	5.4	4.6
<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Country	3.5	3.0
Regional/Global	4.3	3.3
OGD Data	0.2	0.2
<b>South and West Asia Regional</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>551.8</b>	<b>344.8</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Country	17.3	3.7
Regional/Global	2.0	0.2
OGD Data	0.3	0.2
<b>Palestinian Territories</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>54.8</b>
Country	36.4	33.4
Regional/Global	16.6	21.4
<b>Middle East and North Africa</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>42.2</b>
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>403.5</b>	<b>243.8</b>
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>19.0</b>
<b>Core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributed to particular countries or regions</b>	<b>1619.8</b>	<b>1890.5</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>-34.2</b>	<b>-73.2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,056.9</b>	<b>5,031.7</b>

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### Question No 92

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - AFP assistance**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

### Question

**Senator RHIANNON:** *Could you take on notice whether they have been assisting in any way PNG's mobile police squads and assisting any of the PNG police operations in Hela province?*

**Ms Klugman:** *Certainly.*

### Answer

1. The AFP does not provide any direct operational assistance to PNG's Mobile Squads, or policing operations in Hela Province.

The AFP Officers deployed under the PNG-Australia Policing Partnership (PNG-APP) are providing frontline advisory support to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) to strengthen the RPNGC's ability to deliver effective and visible policing services to the people of PNG. The AFP officers' emphasis is on coaching, mentoring and influencing the delivery of policing services in accordance with the rule of law. PNG-APP personnel are only deployed to the cities of Port Moresby and Lae.

RPNGC Special Services Division (SSD), comprising of a number of Mobile Squads, provides a rapid response capability based on a paramilitary response to insurgencies, tribal fights and, on a cost recovery basis, guarding and security functions at several mines, the Exxon Mobil LNG Infrastructure development sites and Manus Island.

SSD training is routinely conducted by the RPNGC.

In April 2012, the AFP did conduct a series of one week Operational Command Workshops for the SSD at Team Leader level. The workshops

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provided participants with the skills required to effectively lead and manage complex operations. Fifty-seven SSD supervisors completed the training prior to the National Elections. This training was funded by AFP and conducted by the AFP's Specialist Response Group.

A senior member of the SSD also successfully completed the AFP facilitated Senior Leadership Development Program (SLDP) in PNG, and graduated from the Program in December 2013. During the SLDP this senior member was transferred from SSD duties to a role of managing the planning for the 2015 Pacific Games which will be held in PNG.

The PNG-APP is not currently involved in the training of the SSD.

Further queries regarding AFP support to PNG police should be directed to the AFP.

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**Question No 93**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA**

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *I did not know that. So, that gets tabled in October. Right now, because of where we are at—and this is the process that Mr Varghese went through from 18 January to May, which I have to admit is a short period to reprioritise such a large amount of money and I think you should be congratulated for that, you know how the whole \$40 million is being spent. If we asked on notice for Mr Wood to provide—and tell me how much of a burden we are placing on you to do this—just a rough table breakdown, effectively what we are looking for is the line items under the title. If I could ask for that on notice, that may save an incredible amount of time this evening. Without being too brash—and it may be that this is not a question that I am entitled to ask—how long would something like that take to put together?*

**Mr McDonald:** *We can provide that sort of information. It will be a lot of information. Vanuatu is probably a different category if you think about our large programs. Under the program level there are a number of projects. I will ask Mr Wood, but there 1,000 or more projects.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Can you explain to me how it works? How is that the case?*

**Mr McDonald:** *Say you have an education program. Within the education program there could be a project on teacher quality. There could be one on learning material. There could be one on the curriculum. There is a whole set of projects that go under that, and depending on the size of the program the more projects you would have. One of the things we are doing through the focus of the program is reducing fragmentation, because that obviously creates a whole set of projects under programs. All I wanted to say is that if you want everything then we can do that, but it will take a while. If you could be a little bit more narrow.*



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**Senator DASTYARI:** *No. I do not want to put that burden on you. Is there a way to give us a breakdown? The other thing that I am very wary of with these things—and this is all new and I think something that Senator Brandis would be conscious of as well—is setting precedent. If there is a way to get the one level lower of information without placing an unreasonable burden. Perhaps, Mr McDonald, you can actually take the whole thing on notice and go back and work out what would be a process through which you could give that to us. We are talking about a fair amount of money here. We are talking about \$40 million in Vanuatu. How do we break that down effectively in a similar way that is on the budget where the line items are, but without getting to the point of you having to track down, say, \$4,000. Perhaps the way to do it at a simple level is with those that go across countries to just list them separately. I do not know the answer. Perhaps if there is a way to do that that would provide us with an incredible amount of information.*

**Mr McDonald:** *Just on that, one way of doing that might be to take it at program level initially and see whether that meets some of the needs. That is one level down. We could see what sort of burden that provides in doing that. I agree that it is a large expenditure of money.*

#### Answer

To provide the level of detail requested would entail a significant investment of resources and, in these circumstances, the Department does not consider this diversion of resources from priority areas to be justified.

Information on budget allocations by country/bilateral, regional and global programs and by other government agencies is provided at answer to question 91.

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**Question No 94**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Sports Development (PNG)**

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**Senator Macdonald**

**Question**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *Do you have a dollar figure on that [program of development for sport situated around rugby league in PNG)?*

**Mr Kimberley:** *I do not have that with me. I am happy to take that on notice.*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *Can you give me that on the rugby league program, in particular, and any other details that you can give me about the program, because it was emphasised to me on a recent trip I made there how very important it was. Anecdotally, I waste two seconds of your time by telling you that on State of Origin night they tell me you can fly over the jungle that is absolutely black with no electricity anywhere, yet you will see these television screens coming out of the jungle where people gather to cheer Queensland along.*

**Ms Klugman:** *The colour of maroon is just glowing.*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *It is a very important aid program.*

**Senator STEPHENS:** *Just on that point, as well as rugby what other sporting codes or activities are being undertaken? Can you provide that, particularly with those who might actually target girls as well?*

**Mr Kimberley:** *Yes, we can. There is netball, table tennis, cricket and a number of others. I can take that on notice and provide a fuller account of our Sport for Development program in PNG.*

**Answer**

Funding for development-through-sport in PNG is provided through Australia's Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) program (refer to QoN 16 for further information on the overall program). In FY2013/14, \$1,537,918 was spent through the program in PNG. This included cricket (\$140,000), soccer (\$120,000), netball (\$25,000), rugby union (\$134,418), table tennis (\$18,500), and rugby league (\$1,100,000).

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PSP activities in PNG have female participation rates of more than 40 percent overall, including in traditionally male dominated sports such as football, cricket and rugby union. Improving gender equality and empowerment of women and girls are cross-cutting objectives of the program. These are achieved through addressing attitudinal and access barriers for female participation and ensuring that all activities are inclusive.

The largest of the PSP-funded programs in PNG is *League Bilong Laif* (\$4 million from 2013 to 2016). It builds on the popularity of Rugby League in PNG to provide physical education using sport as a tool for development and education, including promotion of literacy, respect for women and girls, healthy lifestyles and social responsibility in 80 schools in PNG.

*League Bilong Laif* will reach over 50,000 children through the delivery of a 4-6 week program in more than 80 schools, with in-class and on-field activities. Teachers are supported with training and resources to support ongoing delivery of the skills-based component. Up to 500 teachers will be trained in the basic field skills, as well as in classroom lessons on how they can use rugby league material to better engage students in areas including reading and writing. Over 70 per cent of teachers trained so far are women; nine of the 14 *League Bilong Laif* Development Officers are women. PNG representative players, including from the PNG Hunters, also participate in program delivery.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
for a partnership between  
**Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)**  
and  
**Carnival Australia**

**I. Introduction**

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and Carnival Australia share a common interest in identifying areas where government and business can work together to achieve effective and sustainable development outcomes in the Pacific Region.

This partnership is an undertaking between AusAID and Carnival Australia to work together to improve development results against the priorities of the Australian aid program, which include poverty reduction and economic development in sectors including health, education, infrastructure.

The partnership aims to achieve this through combining the resources, networks and experience of the partners, leveraging their investments and increasing access to markets.

Within this partnership, the overarching goal is to enhance sustainable economic development in the Pacific region through joint cooperation to improve the lives of those living in poverty. The partnership commits AusAID and Carnival Australia to work together to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

**II. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is to establish a partnership among AusAID and Carnival to work together to progress areas of collaboration, outlined in the attached schedules. The Parties seek to share their respective strengths, experiences, technologies, methodologies, and resources (including staff, in-kind, and monetary) in order to deliver on these priority areas.

The priority areas for joint activities are detailed under schedules to this MOU. These priority areas may be amended from time to time with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

### **III. Partnership Principles**

This Partnership is guided by the following principles:

- **Trust.** AusAID and Carnival Australia commit to work together taking into account the individual partners' differing interests, motivation, cultures, values and priorities.
- **Inclusivity.** The partnership will explicitly seek and consider the views and needs of its stakeholders. It will specifically advance positive development benefits that include all people in a community and ensure the most vulnerable, including people with a disability, women and children, are able to access, and benefit equally from, initiatives through the partnership.
- **Leverage.** The partnership will leverage the resources of AusAID and Carnival Australia to improve development effectiveness and maximize development benefits.
- **Additionality.** The partnership will go beyond the usual activities of partners to this MOU. AusAID support for activities identified through the partnership will not replace what would otherwise be undertaken by Carnival Australia as part of its standard business operations.
- **Promotion of gender equality.** AusAID and Carnival Australia will ensure that women and men benefit equally from activities under the Partnership.

The partners enter into this MOU while wishing to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. Each partner will accept full and sole responsibility for any and all expenses incurred by itself relating to this MOU. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with any agreements or contracts entered into among the partners, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as an exclusive working relationship. The partners acknowledge that this MOU does not create an obligation to provide funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any party or create any rights in any third party.

### **IV. Implementation**

The partnership will be governed by a series of consultations between AusAID and Carnival Australia, as detailed at Schedule 3. Funding regarding specific activities and bilateral programs is dealt with under separate agreements.

This MOU becomes effective on the date of signature of the partners and is expected to continue for three (3) years from this date. However, the partners may decide, in writing, to extend this period, modify or amend the MOU. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time.

## V. Transparency

This MOU will be a public document and each partner may publish information regarding the cooperation activities implemented under this MOU.

## VI. Fraud

Carnival Australia acknowledges that AusAID maintains a '*zero tolerance*' attitude towards fraud and requires that any case of alleged, attempted, suspected or detected fraud must be reported immediately to AusAID.

## VII. Child protection

The partners will ensure that children will be protected from all forms of abuse in connection with cooperation activities implemented under this MOU.

## VIII. Prevention of Financing for Terrorism

The partners will cooperate to ensure that any funding provided for a cooperation activity is not used, directly or indirectly, to provide support or individuals or entities associated with terrorism.

**Australian Agency for International  
Development**

By: Peter Baxter  
(Signature)

Name: Peter Baxter  
Title: Director General

Date: 10/7/13

**Carnival Australia**

By: Ann Sherry AO  
(Signature)

Name: Ann Sherry AO  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 10 July 2013

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **Priority areas for AusAID-Carnival Partnership in Vanuatu**

Carnival Australia and AusAID will work together in the following priority areas in Vanuatu:

1. Promoting economic opportunities, skills development and employment:
  - a. Australia Pacific Technical College (APTC) Vanuatu campus to work with Carnival to focus existing training packages targeting Carnival recruitment of increased number of Ni-Vanuatu on board its ships;
  - b. Through AusAID's existing partnership with National Bank Vanuatu, provide courses on microcredit and financial literacy to new market vendors and community based businesses, and access to more attractive credit and business mentoring for larger business start-ups offering new inbound tour options;
  - c. Carnival to work with AusAID's Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) program to develop curriculum and provide trainers for courses for cruise related business, and assist in tailoring existing business and financial management courses;
  - d. Carnival to examine options for cultural performers and market sellers to earn income on board ships during port visits;
  - e. Carnival to increase direct sourcing of art work, handicrafts and local produce; and
  - f. Carnival and AusAID to support Government of Vanuatu establishing an accreditation system for treatment of local products to meet Australian quarantine standards.
2. Sustainable economic development through infrastructure development:
  - a. AusAID and Carnival to work together to analyse and quantify the economic impact of the cruise industry on the Vanuatu economy;
  - b. AusAID to develop options for a wharf based market in Luganville with UN Women or other partners, including small scale supporting infrastructure such as covered market;
  - c. AusAID to examine leveraged co-financing of capital investments to support development of new and existing destinations
  - d. AusAID to invest in Port Vila and Luganville infrastructure and management improvements, including supporting linkages between container and cruise traffic; and
  - e. AusAID to provide assistance on roads and port infrastructure for new destination development, including SW Bay in Malekula; Tanna (dependent on safe anchorage sites) and Banks (Ureparapara).

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Priority areas for AusAID-Carnival Partnership in Papua New Guinea**

Carnival Australia and AusAID will work together in the following priority areas in PNG:

1. Promoting economic opportunities, skills development and employment:
  - a. Supporting AusAID's TVET program, Carnival will develop curriculum and provide trainers for courses for cruise related business, and where possible, assist in tailoring existing business development and financial management courses;
  - b. Carnival to examine options for cultural performers and market sellers to come on board ships;
  - c. Carnival to examine options for direct sourcing art work, handicrafts, etc. from PNG;
  - d. AusAID to examine placing an Australian Business Volunteer (ABV) in the Tourism Bureau to:
    - (i) prepare analysis on tourism development options in Milne Bay and advise priorities for assistance; and
    - (ii) assist women groups selling artefacts, as well as business women who are already running local accommodation facilities to package their tourism services.
  - e. Training on financial literacy and management for vendors/industry operators, possibly through prioritising Milne Bay Province for the financial literacy training supported by AusAID through IFC; and
  - f. Specific support relating to tourism product packaging such as diving, bushwalking, traditional and cultural events to be provided through an ABV Specialist in Tourism.
2. Sustainable economic development through infrastructure development:
  - a. AusAID/GoPNG and Carnival to examine options for improving access facilities at Trobriand Island;
  - b. AusAID and Carnival to examine options for improving access facilities at Alotau port.



### SCHEDULE 3: Governance Structure

Level	Meeting Objectives	Attendees	Frequency
Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish overall strategic direction of CAU/AusAID relationship</li> <li>➤ Agree key objectives and strategies</li> <li>➤ Manage key stakeholder engagement (governments, donors etc.)</li> </ul>	CAU CEO CAU VP Strategic Dev CAU VP Corporate Affairs AusAID Executive AusAID Director-General	Annually
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Review and prioritise development/investment opportunities</li> <li>➤ Agree terms of reference and KPIs</li> <li>➤ Report back to Executive</li> </ul>	CAU SVP Strategic Dev CAU Destination Dev Mgr CAU VP Corporate Affairs AusAID Director AusAID Program Mgr AusAID In Country Mgr	Quarterly with one meeting held in country every year.
Operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Manage key priorities</li> <li>➤ Resolve key issues</li> <li>➤ Provide key resources and expertise to support priorities</li> </ul>	CAU Operational team AusAID In Country team	Ad Hoc/Project driven
Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Other governance structures as agreed upon by the Parties.</li> </ul>	TBC	TBC

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**Question No 95**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Vanuatu**

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**Senator Macdonald**

**Question**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *I notice, again on your website, that in Vanuatu the Australian government is partnering with Carnival Cruises Australia to help locals—this is my interpretation; the website says it a bit differently—to help locals participate in the considerable money that the Carnival Cruise Line in all of its forms brings to several parts of Vanuatu. Can you tell me a little more about that. I suspect that the cost is not great with that one but can you give me some costings of what exactly is involved and whereabouts it actually occurs?*

**Ms Klugman:** *Certainly. I can do that. We can take it on notice. Just on the Carnival Cruises, that is activity that is borne from a memorandum of understanding between the Australian government and Carnival. Under that MOU Carnival and the Australian government undertook to cooperate together, including through the aid program in the Pacific, with a particular focus on the economic benefits to be derived for Pacific island countries and for Pacific island country economic development from the cruising industry and from tourism more broadly.*

*If you look across the Pacific in some cases you have economies that are deeply based like in Papua New Guinea. In other countries you have very narrow bases. Through the aid we have to make sure that our aid spend matches up with the actual economic and resource potential in those countries, so a focus on tourism and on cruising made a lot of sense. The MOU with Carnival draws us into a closer dialogue with that key actor in the private sector across the region so that we can understand how their activities, with perhaps a little bit of leverage through the aid program or just cooperation and consultation, can deliver development benefits in the countries where they are operating.*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *Is that partnership agreement a public document? Is it possible to get a copy of it?*

**Ms Klugman:** *I think it is a public document. I will take that on notice.*

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#### **Answer**

The partnership between DFAT and Carnival Australia was created to encourage sustainable economic development in the Pacific region, initially supporting priority activities in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea. It reflects our mutual commitment to reducing poverty and lifting living standards through sustainable economic growth.

Carnival and DFAT have signed an MOU committing the two organisations to work together for three years. This follows a successful collaboration under the former AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund where both organisations worked together to assist island communities in Vanuatu. The MoU was an important next step in that partnership. Since it was signed in 2013 the MoU has seen:

- Bottled water, sourced from Vanuatu, being rolled out across the P&O Cruises fleet
- The introduction of Vanuatu coffee as a speciality "single origin" coffee onto the P&O Cruises fleet
- An Australian volunteer placed in Milne Bay to assist the local tourist industry benefit from cruises to PNG
- Cabinets have been installed across the P&O Cruises fleet displaying local handicrafts that are pre-approved to pass Australian quarantine laws. Locally produced handicrafts are vital revenue streams for small producers
- An economic impact study on cruise tourism to the Vanuatu economy is almost completed, which will help determine future areas of focus under the MOU

All of these activities have been at no additional cost to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The display cabinets, volunteers and economic impact study have all been funded by a re-orientation of existing Australia aid funded programs, and by contributions from Carnival.

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**Question No 96**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Western Province (PNG)**

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**Senator Macdonald**

**Question**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *Can you give me a list on notice for the last 12 months or 24 months, if possible, to whom Australian aid money has gone? I do not say to the Daru community. I want to know which company it went to to build X.*

**Ms Klugman:** *Would you like a few examples of that?*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *No. I would like a list of all of the aid that has gone to the Western Province in the last 24 months that has not gone through the PNG government. Does a lot of it go through Australian and World NGOs?*

**Mr Kimberley:** *Yes.*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *I am looking for the list of those. Try to confine it to the Western Province in the last 24 months. There is no need to put amounts in. I would like to know if it is the International Red Cross and so on.*

**Ms Klugman:** *We will focus it on the last 24 months for Western Province health sector.*

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** *Would that be relatively easy to get?*

**Ms Klugman:** *Just doing TB would be easier, so we might start with that. We will see if we can give you something that covers the whole health sector in Western Province.*

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### Answer

DFAT-funded health sector contracts in Western Province since 1 June 2012.

	Program	Title of Activity	Contractor	Sub-Contractor Name / Title	Duration of Contract	Brief Description
1	Health and Education Procurement Facility	Daru General Hospital TB Ward - Design	Charles Kendall and Partners	Snowy Mountain Engineering Company	2011-2012	Design of a new TB Ward for the Daru General Hospital.
2	Health and Education Procurement Facility	Master Plan of Daru General Hospital and Scoping Study of Mabudawan Health Centre	HK Logistics	Alexander and Lloyd Pty Ltd	30 January 2013 - 25 August 2014	Single contract for the Scoping of the Mabudawan Health Centre and the Daru General Hospital Scoping and Masterplan.
3	Health and Education Procurement Facility	Mabudawan Health Centre Architectural and Engineering Design	HK Logistics	Alexander and Lloyd Pty Ltd	26 March - 25 September 2014	Mabudawan Health Centre Architectural and Engineering Design.
4	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Western Province Health Capacity Building Adviser (long term)	Abt JTA	N/A	August 2012 - August 2014	Health adviser providing support to the provincial health administration in Western Province to strengthen health delivery on the ground.
5	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	TB Odiobo Himara Ara Nirowa (Stop TB in Western Province)	Abt JTA	World Vision	1 February 2012 - 31 May 2015	Increase community awareness of TB, its symptoms and need for completion of the full course of treatment.
6	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Boat Operations	Abt JTA	N/A	Ongoing support	Boat operation costs (including maintenance and minor procurement).
7	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Boat mechanic/ Deckhand	Abt JTA	N/A	14 January 2013 - 30 June 2015	Salary costs of Boat mechanic for the Medics Queen.

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8	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Border Health Liason Officer	Abt JTA	N/A	4 July 2013 - 10 October 2013	Salary costs.
9	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Independent Research on TB	Abt JTA	Burnet Institute	30 August 2012 - 29 November 2012	McBryde report, <i>Evaluation of Risks of Tuberculosis in Western Province Papua New Guinea</i> .
10	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	TB diagnosis laboratory services	Department of Health and Ageing	Queensland Mycobacterial Reference Laboratory	December 2011 - December 2014	Support for provision of quality-assured bacteriology for diagnosis of TB and capacity building for PNG laboratory services
11	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	WASH short-term assignment	Abt JTA	N/A	1 May 2012-30 September 2012	Personnel costs for Short Term inputs of WASH Adviser.
12	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	TB Officers	Abt JTA	N/A	February 2013 - June 2015	Salaries for Middle Fly District Coordinator/ South Fly District Coordinator / North Fly District Coordinator.
13	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Inline Activities / Positions	Abt JTA	N/A	April 2012 - ongoing	Daru General Hospital CEO operating support, overseas doctor support, etc.
14	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Short Term Adviser - Infection Control Officer	Abt JTA	N/A	20 January 2013 - 9 February 2013	Personnel costs for Short Term inputs of Infection Control Officer.
15	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	TB Coordinator	Abt JTA	N/A	24 October 2013 - 30 June 2015	Salary costs of TB Coordinator.
16	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Provincial TB Physician	Abt JTA	N/A	2011 - ongoing	Salary and housing costs of Provincial TB Physician.
17	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Procurement	Abt JTA	N/A	2012 - ongoing as required	Drugs, ultrasound, ECG, defibrulators.

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18	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	LTA Finance	Abt JTA	N/A	14 January 2013 - 14 December 2014	Salary costs.
19	Health and HIV Implementing Service Provider	Western Province Health Support Medical Officer	Abt JTA	N/A	3 March 2013 - 30 June 2015	Salary costs.
20	Health Service Provision Facility	National Boat Captain	Abt JTA	N/A	16 July 2012 - 30 June 2015	Salary costs of National Boat captain for the Medics Queen.
21	Health Service Provision Facility	Daru General Hospital TB Ward - Construction	Charles Kendall and Partners	Avenell Engineering Services	2011-2013	Construction of a new TB Ward for the Daru General Hospital.
22	Health Service Provision Facility	Daru General Hospital TB Ward - Contract Management	Charles Kendall and Partners	Alexander and Lloyd Pty Ltd	2011-2013	Contract Management of a new TB Ward for the Daru General Hospital.
23	Health Service Provision Facility	Equipment	Charles Kendall and Partners	Charles Kendall and Partners	1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013	TB Diagnostic Equipment, vehicles, outboard motors.

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**Question No 97**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Redundancies**

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**Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**Senator McEWEN:** *I am sure you would want to, but I would like to know whether they have been retained. Have any gender advisers or staff who were designated gender advisers accepted redundancy in the round of redundancies that you have been discussing at these Senate estimates?*

**Mr McDonald:** *I would need to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

Yes, one.



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**Question No 98**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - Family Planning/Reproductive Health Services**

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**Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**CHAIR:** *Any further questions on PNG?*

**Senator McEWEN:** *I just had one. Under the current forward estimates is it proposed to maintain or extend the current levels of investment in family planning and sexual and reproductive health services in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific?*

**Ms Klugman:** *I will take that one on notice. As I said, we are finalising a review commissioned by the minister of our aid spend in Papua New Guinea. It would be better to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

There are no plans to change the overall level of investment in family planning and sexual health services in PNG and the Pacific.

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**Question No 99**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Pacific Seasonal Workers**

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**Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**Senator McEWEN:** Okay, and have they all gone over to DFAT or did some of those staff also accept a voluntary redundancy?

**Mr Varghese:** I would have to check whether any of the individuals involved in the scheme took a voluntary redundancy, but even if they did the function continues.

**Answer**

One staff member, who allocated around 50 per cent of their time working on the Seasonal Worker Program, took a voluntary redundancy. The function continues in the Department's Pacific Division.

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**Question No 100**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Burma - Doctors Without Borders**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** *Thank you. Doctors working with Doctors Without Borders have been expelled from Rakhine state after caring for victims of a violent assault on a Rohingya village that the Burmese government denied ever happened. Have any of your staff talked with Doctors Without Borders to gain a briefing about these developments and to identify ways to assist them to carry out their important work and to carry out that work without threats to their safety?*

**Mr Cox:** *I am not aware whether our embassy, ambassador or staff in Rangoon have been in discussion with them, but I can take that on notice and we will get a response for you on that.*

**Answer:** Yes, Australian Embassy Staff have discussed these issues with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders).

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**Question No 101**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Burma**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** Thank you. With regard to the programs on the border and also the programs within Burma, are you anticipating that they will continue at least at the level of current funding?

**Ms Corcoran:** I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the details of what we are providing into the future.

**Answer:** Yes.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - PNG**

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**Senator Macdonald**

### **Question**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** This one might have to be on notice unless someone can indicate it to me, but I am told that recently AusAID put an English female doctor into a hospital in the Western Province. She was doing TB treatments but was also speaking up about corruption and was gang-raped. She was removed because she could not be protected. Is that an accurate description? How do we address the safety of our people doing Australian aid work?

**Ms Klugman:** I am happy to take that one on notice. I think there might have been an incident involving a contractor, somebody contracted indirectly through the Australian aid program. I do not know the details but I am happy to provide them to you as privacy allows us to on notice.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** Yes, of course I do not want any names, but had you heard that? Surely it is something that you would be aware of if someone was, according to my information, gang-raped because she spoke about corruption.

**Ms Klugman:** We are aware of it. I am not aware of the detail. We were speaking earlier about sexual violence against women, the rates in Papua New Guinea being very high. I am happy to provide what further detail we can to you on notice.

### **Answer**

DFAT is not aware of any instances of gang-rape of a person involved in the aid program in Western Province. DFAT believes the incident in question relates to an alleged offence committed against a female doctor from overseas, employed by PNG's National Department of Health in Daru General Hospital. The offender was a previous employee of the hospital. DFAT understands that the incident involved a verbal threat and was not physical, although the doctor returned to her country of origin following the verbal threat due to physical safety concerns. The female doctor and the previous employee of the hospital were not contracted by DFAT.

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Regarding DFAT staff, it is DFAT policy not to discuss in detail the security arrangements for staff deployed overseas as to do so may jeopardise the safety and security of those people. DFAT has a responsibility to ensure the safety and security of workers, in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

The safety and security is assessed for each deployment using a risk-based approach based on the international standard for risk management (ISO31000). DFAT also conducts ongoing monitoring and reviews of the security arrangements to ensure they remain suitable for the risk environment.

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### Question No 103

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Australia Awards**

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**Senator Stephens**

### Question

**Senator STEPHENS:** Could you just take on notice for us to provide information about the country breakdown of these Australia awards, the fellowship programs, where they have been awarded?

**Mr McCarthy:** Certainly. We would routinely, after the end of each financial year as part of our regular reporting on outcomes, but we can certainly do that.

### Answer

The table below shows the number of Africans, by country of citizenship, who commenced Australia Awards in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 academic years. Shaded rows indicate that a country was either not eligible or did not receive any awards in a particular year.

Country	2011		2012		2013	
	Long Term Awards (PhDs and Masters Degrees)	Short Term Awards (Fellowships and Short Courses)	Long Term Awards (PhDs and Masters Degrees)	Short Term Awards (Fellowships and Short Courses)	Long Term Awards (PhDs and Masters Degrees)	Short Term Awards (Fellowships and Short Courses)
Algeria	0	6	0	3	1	5
Angola	2	0	1	4	1	2
Benin			0	9	0	5
Botswana	10	15	13	11	15	13
Burkina Faso	1	1	0	10	1	6
Burundi	2	5	2	9	7	5
Cameroon	1	4	6	15	12	12
Cape Verde	0	4	2	8	3	3
Central African			0	5	0	5

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Republic						
Chad			0	5	0	1
Comoros	0	2	0	10	0	2
DRC			0	5	0	6
Djibouti	0	1	0	8	0	3
Egypt			2	24	2	11
Ethiopia	11	7	21	24	16	59
Equatorial Guinea			0	1	0	0
Gabon	0	3	0	1	0	1
Gambia	7	0	6	8	9	10
Ghana	11	9	13	74	21	19
Cote d'Ivoire			0	16	0	5
Kenya	21	20	27	41	39	48
Lesotho	5	5	9	4	12	6
Liberia	8	9	11	13	13	8
Libya						
Madagascar			0	19	0	18
Malawi	13	7	30	25	36	25
Mali	0	11	1	12	0	5
Mauritania			0	3	0	3
Mauritius	9	6	10	15	13	20
Morocco	0	3	0	11	0	4
Mozambique	19	8	20	14	14	10
Namibia	4	6	10	3	9	6
Niger	0	3	0	8	0	8
Nigeria	8	20	15	37	31	23
Republic of Congo	0	1	0	15	0	2
Guinea			0	7	0	2
Rwanda	10	10	12	8	12	6
Sao Tome & Principe	0	1	0	8	0	3
Seychelles	7	4	10	7	10	3
Senegal	0	4	0	6	0	6
Sierra Leone	8	3	7	5	11	7
South Africa	11	9	9	12	6	10
South Sudan			0	8	0	20
Sudan			0	8	0	21
Swaziland	7	4	12	5	14	2
Tanzania	22	10	24	49	36	76
Togo	0	6	2	19	0	8
Tunisia			0	8	1	5



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Uganda	22	6	26	28	34	27
Zambia	16	12	33	23	35	13
Zimbabwe			0	9	0	28
Totals	235	225	334	680	414	596
	460		1,014		1,010	

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### **Question No 104**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Nigeria**

### **Question on Notice**

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**Senator Stephens**

### **Question**

**Senator STEPHENS:** You said that the list started small with some capacity building initiatives in Nigeria. Are any of those funding civil society programs?

**Mr McCarthy:** It is possible that some of the Australian awardee recipients would be civil society related. I would have to take that on notice and check, but that would be the prime mechanism by which we support civil society in Nigeria, through the awards program.

### **Answer**

In 2013-14, Australia's aid program primarily provided capacity building to Nigerian civil society through the Australia Awards in Africa program, the Australia NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and the Direct Aid Program (DAP).

Through the Australia Awards in Africa in 2013 and 2014, Australia funded 9 individuals employed by civil society organisations to study in Australia. One of the aims of Australia Awards is that these individuals will have the capacity to strengthen the civil society organisations they are employed by upon return to Nigeria. In 2013, the Awards program granted Community Action Against Injustice (CAAI), an NGO founded by a Nigerian Australia Awards alumna, \$8,314 to deliver vocational training to 65 Nigerian women in three poor communities.

In 2013-14, the ANCP provided \$1,069,693 to CBM Australia to carry out three capacity building projects with Nigerian civil society organisations working in the fields of mental health, rare tropical diseases and women with disabilities.

In 2013-14, Australia provided \$22,373 through the DAP to two Nigerian civil society projects that will build the capacity of local communities to generate sustainable livelihoods – one by transferring crop storage technology to poor farmers and the other by providing a community with an alternative source of income generation (pig farming).

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### Question No 105

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee Programs**

### Question on Notice

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**Senator McEwen**

### Question

**Senator McEWEN:** On notice, could you advise what the actual estimated ODA allocations are for each of the components of this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?

**Mr Wood:** Yes.

### Answer

	Actual			Estimated Outcome	Budget Estimate	Forward Estimate	Forward Estimate
	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14* \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
Official Development Assistance – Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee Program	353.5	348.4	285.2	182.6	338.6	349.7	361.9

\* The 2013-14 figure in the Portfolio Budget Statement (shown above) does not include the budget for the first four months of the financial year as this was appropriated to AusAID before it was integrated into DFAT. The 2013-14 estimated outcome for the total Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees programme including the first four months of the financial year is \$264.2 million, as shown on the DFAT website.

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**Question No 106**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Multilateral programs (Program 1.11)**

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**Senator Stephens**

**Question**

**Senator STEPHENS:** Yes, I do. Just in terms of each of the multilateral facilities or programs, could you provide details on notice of the funds annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17 and whether the information is base funding or voluntary contributions? That would be helpful.

**Mr McDonald:** We would be able to do that at a whole of multilateral—

**Senator STEPHENS:** It would be helpful. Thank you.

**Answer**

Refer to response to Questions on Notice 495 and 496.

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**Question No 107**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Deductible gift recipients**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Fawcett**

**Question**

**Senator FAWCETT:** Are donations from the Australian public tax deductible for that kind of an enterprise?

**Ms Klugman:** I am not sure.

**Senator FAWCETT:** Could you take that on notice?

**Ms Klugman:** Certainly. That would be a matter for the tax office I guess, but Mr Wood might—

**Mr Wood:** There is a scheme regarding deductible gift recipients, but I do not know the specifics on that. I think if we take that on notice, that would be the best.

**Answer**

The eligibility for tax deductibility for Official Development Assistance (ODA) donations should be directed to the Australian Taxation Office.

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**Question No 108**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Consular - Presentation to Coalition MPs**

**Question on Notice**

**Page: 88** **Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**Senator McEWEN:** Alright, thank you. At that presentation to coalition MPs, was there any discussion about the suggestion or the proposal in the Commission of Audit report for a levy for consular services?

**Mr Brown:** The meeting with members of parliament preceded the release of the Commission of Audit. There was, from memory, a discussion on cost recovery issues around consular services, but it was certainly not a detailed exchange from my memory.

**Senator McEWEN:** I am sorry, I should have asked you at the beginning: when did you provide that briefing to coalition MPs?

**Mr Brown:** I will have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

At the invitation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the First Assistant Secretary of the Consular and Crisis Management Division gave a presentation on consular matters at a “Conversations in Diplomacy” meeting of Coalition MPs on Tuesday, 4 March 2014.

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**Question No 109**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing (effect on trade capacity)**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Senator WONG:** Maybe you can tell me the next time we appear, or take this on notice. There were a number of questions asked about how the 500 would be divvied up. What I am interested in is the effect on, I suppose, the trade capacity.

**Mr Varghese:** Sure.

**Answer**

The reduction of 500 positions reflects reductions in the aid program and corporate efficiencies available following integration of AusAID and DFAT. No reductions have been applied to the department's trade functions.

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**Question No 110**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FTAs - Japan**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Senator WONG:** Could you give me a summary—if you want to take it on notice you can—of the Japanese domestic, legal and parliamentary process. What are the steps there.

**Ms Adams:** It is similar.

**Senator WONG:** So it is a straight-up vote?

**Mr Fletcher:** It needs to go through the Japanese Diet and be approved by the parliament.

**Senator WONG:** You said early July for a formal signature so it would be envisaged that those parliamentary processes would occur thereafter, presumably?

**Mr Fletcher:** Yes.

**Senator WONG:** Could you give me some more detail about their domestic processes.

**Mr Fletcher:** I can take that on notice.

**Senator WONG:** Does no-one know?

**Mr Rowe:** We have been focused on getting the thing negotiated, not on the ratification process.

**Senator WONG:** I am just asking what the steps are.

**Mr Rowe:** It is a similar process in the sense that it has to go through the Diet. Even more so than in Korea, the Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, there has a very strong majority and we would not expect there to be a major problem in its being ratified.

**Senator WONG:** I did not ask if there was a problem; I just asked what the steps were.

**Mr Rowe:** As we said, we would have to take it on notice and make sure it was accurate.

**Answer**

In Japan, after a treaty is signed, a Cabinet decision is required to introduce the treaty into the Diet for consideration there. After such consideration, if the Diet formally approves conclusion of the treaty, diplomatic notes are then exchanged, to allow entry into force.



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JA-EPA was signed by Prime Minister Abe on 8 July. The next step will be for Cabinet to make a formal decision to submit the treaty to the Diet. Japanese officials have advised JA-EPA is expected to be introduced into the Diet in the next Diet session, which is traditionally held in the fourth quarter of the year.

There are no statutory timelines applying to the implementation of treaties.

There are no specific hurdles or obstacles other than the amount of other legislation that must be considered by the Diet. Prioritisation of bills before the Diet is a matter for the government of the day.

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### **Question No 111**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FTAs - China**

### **Question on Notice**

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**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

**Senator WONG:** How many meetings have you [negotiations of China FTA] had in the last month, two months, three months, four months? Which agencies are involved from their end and from our end? What level are we represented at?

**Mr Fletcher:** Since the election, Mr Robb went to Beijing on 21 November and had meetings with his counterpart. So that was a meeting at ministerial level. I went up to Beijing in February for a meeting with my counterpart, who is the lead negotiator on the Chinese side. I can tell you all of the negotiations we have had in the last three months if you wish, or I can give it to you on notice.

**Senator WONG:** I want to get some sense of it. Can you do something in between and add to it on notice?

### **Answer**

There have been frequent exchanges between Australian and Chinese Ministers and negotiators in the past three months (April – June 2014): two meetings were held in June, three meetings in May and two meetings were held in April.

A range of negotiators including Senior Officials on both sides, from a number of different agencies have been involved in these meetings, to reflect the breadth of issues involved in the FTA negotiations. Over the past year, the agencies detailed below have been involved in negotiations.

Agencies involved from Australia: the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Embassy in China, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Department of Health, Department of Industry, Department of Education, Treasury, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet, Department of Communications, IP Australia, Attorney-General's Department, Department of Agriculture and the Department of Employment.

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Agencies involved from China: the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, General Administration of Customs, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Land and Resources, Ministry of Education, China Banking Regulatory Commission, People's Bank of China, Ministry of Justice, Chinese Embassy.

The Australian negotiating team is headed at SES Band 2 level.

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**Question No 112**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FTAs - China (Cabinet submission)**

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Senator WONG:** How many times has the China FTA been to cabinet? Asked and answered regularly, Mr Varghese.

**Mr Varghese:** I will take it—

**Senator WONG:** Take it on notice and we can have a long discussion in the Senate about it.

**Mr Varghese:** I am happy to take it on notice.

**Answer**

Over the course of nine years of negotiations, the China FTA has been considered by Cabinet on several occasions. Our consistent policy is not to disclose further information regarding Cabinet processes.

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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

### **Question No 113**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Mining for Development**

### **Question on Notice**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** It used to be the mining for development initiative. It came out of CHOGM in Perth. It was announced and it has gone for a few years. Is it still active? It was under AusAID. then I am trying to work out if it came over.

**Mr Gerovich:** Apologies. I would have to take that on notice. If you are referring to the International Mining for Development Centre I can—

**Senator RHIANNON:** Okay, we will move on to that. If you could take on notice the status of the mining for development initiative. Has it transitioned to extractives for growth? Is there something called the extractives for growth? How much budget has been allocated for it?

**Mr Gerovich:** The whole extractive sector is being re-examined at the moment in terms of the activities that will fall under this. But, in terms of the detail, I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Thank you. In taking it on notice, you can see that in the program tonight it is now not under trade, not under trade. I am also interested in where it now sits within DFAT because it would appear to have implications for its work. If you could clarify that as well, please.

**Mr Gerovich:** I can clarify that for you. It now falls within my division in an area that looks after energy and resources, and the extractive sector falls within that.

### **Answer**

Australia continues to provide extractives sector development assistance in 2014-5. This includes the International Mining for Development Centre, support to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Donor Trust Fund and the Extractive Industries Technical Advice Facility. DFAT is also supporting extractives sector assistance in a range of countries, primarily Burma, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Peru, Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique and Zambia.

The Mining for Development initiative has not transitioned to “extractives for growth”. The term “extractives for growth” has been used by the Africa regional program for planning purposes. However, as future assistance is likely to extend beyond mining and metals (to for example, oil and gas), the term ‘extractives’ is now being used more commonly in the aid program than ‘mining for development’.

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The Resources and Energy section, Economic Engagement Branch, Trade and Economic Diplomacy Division has responsibility for global extractives sector development assistance. Responsibility for bilateral and regional extractives sector support remains with relevant country programs.

The 2014-15 budget allocated \$22 million to global extractives sector development initiatives. This will be combined with funding from country programs.

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**Question No 114**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Mining for Development**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** With the International Mining for Development Centre, I notice that there have not been any courses or conferences listed for 2013-14. Is it still active?

**Mr Gerovich:** There are ongoing courses as far as I am aware. I would need to take that on notice in terms of specifics. There have been ongoing courses delivered by the centre as far as I am aware.

**Senator RHIANNON:** If you could take it on notice. Maybe the website is not up to date. You get the impression that things have slowed down and stopped in some areas.

**Mr Gerovich:** I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

The International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC) remains active as per the grant agreement valid until June 2015. IM4DC staff have provided DFAT with a draft workplan for 2014-15. Information on upcoming courses is available on the IM4DC website.

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**Question No 115**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Mining for Development**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** Could you outline the work that you undertake with the Australian-African Mining Industry Group?

**Mr Gerovich:** I would need to take that on notice. I have no details with me.

**Answer**

Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade work with the Australian-African Mining Industry Group on a range of issues relating to mining in Africa. Officials have consulted AAMIG about the development of our extractives program in Africa and are exploring opportunities that may exist for future collaboration. The Resources and Energy Section of the Trade and Economic Diplomacy Division has had a number of recent meetings with AAMIG regarding the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights.



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 116**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Africa - ASIO advice to Australian Companies operating in Africa**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** I picked up on your website the ASIO Business Liaison Unit that gives advice to Australian companies operating in Africa. We have spoken about them at estimates before. Could you take on notice where that work is at?

**Mr Gerovich:** I would similarly need to take that on notice. Yes.

**Answer**

The role of the Business Liaison Unit (BLU) is to raise the awareness of Australian businesses, including Australian companies operating overseas, about national security threats that may affect their interests. This is primarily achieved by publishing intelligence-backed unclassified advice and reporting on the domestic and international security environment to raise awareness in the private sector about national security. This enables Australian businesses to recognise and respond to national security threats and develop appropriate risk mitigation strategies for such threats.

In addition to the reporting published on the website, the BLU also:

- . holds face-to-face meetings with businesses;
- . provides classified briefing days to sector representatives;
- . attends key industry forums to inform Australian businesses of their role; and
- . supports a Register of Australian Interests Overseas to supplement travel advisories by sharing information with business regarding specific, imminent and credible threats.

In the past 12 months, the BLU has provided advice to the following sectors: transport, energy and resources, banking and finance, communications, utilities, places of mass gathering (such as shopping centres and sporting stadiums), education, food supply, health, hospitality, essential manufacturing, emergency services and consultancies. ***This answer was provided by ASIO's Business Liaison Unit.***

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**Question No 117**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: World Heritage Committee meeting (Doha)**

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**Senator Whish-Wilson**

**Question**

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** In a couple of weeks the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee is meeting in Doha, I think between 15 and 25 June. The government currently has a proposal to delist 74,000 hectares of Tasmania's World Heritage forest. I hate to use the term 'horse trading', but are you involved in any negotiations at the Doha rounds to seek support in terms of getting the numbers to get that delisting through the World Heritage Committee? Have you been asked to provide that service?

**CHAIR:** I am not sure whether that has anything to do with trade.

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** The reason I asked the question was around my understanding that with these types of things, when you look at the countries in the World Heritage Committee, quite often the deals are done based on a whole range of different things. Are you aware of any discussions around that at all?

**Ms Adams:** No, I am not aware of any.

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** So DFAT has not been involved?

**Ms Adams:** Not from—

**Mr Varghese:** I am happy to take that on notice in case there has been any involvement.

**Answer**

No, DFAT was not involved.

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**Question No 118**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Mining for Development**

**Question on Notice**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** You said at the beginning that their work is being re-examined. Where is that up to and when will that be finalised?

**Mr Gerovich:** I cannot give you a time frame. We are examining the extractives sector. Work that has traditionally been done under our development program is an ongoing process. We will then of course need to go to the minister with some recommendations about how we take the work forward.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Considering it seems to be very much in flux, and clearly these things happen from time to time, do you have a budget at the moment? Was there money allocated in the last budget for the extractive work?

**Mr Gerovich:** I would need to take that on notice as well.

**Answer**

See also answer to Question 113.

The Resources and Energy section is currently considering the future scope of DFAT's extractives sector work. This includes active consideration of the future of the IM4DC, the grant agreement for which concludes on 30 June 2015. This work is ongoing. We will seek the Minister's views about the future directions at regular intervals.

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### **Question No 119**

**Program:** EFIC

**Topic:** Foreign Investment - Funding for Australian-based projects

### **Question on Notice**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** Do you have details of the Australian based projects that EFIC is funding? Could you provide details of what they are and how much money for each project and where they are located, please.

**CHAIR:** I think they would have to take that on notice.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Will you take that on notice?

**Mr Hopkins:** We will take that on notice.

### **Answer**

Since additional Estimates in February 2014, Efic has approved support for one Australian-based export project – the transformation project for Nyrstar's Port Pirie Smelter in South Australia.

Efic is assisting the South Australian Government with an AUD291 million financing package for the project. The South Australian Government is underwriting the risk of the financing though Efic will provide a guarantee to commercial lenders but will be indemnified fully by the South Australian Government. The presence of Efic's guarantee will help facilitate the involvement of commercial lenders in the financing. Efic will manage the financing on behalf of the State for the term of the loan.

The transformation project will improve the smelter's environmental and financial performance with significant benefits to the local economy. The transformation project will result in reduce lead-in-air emissions and lower lead in blood in future; increase exports; improve profitability and materially extend the operational life.

Details of previous Australian-based projects supported by Efic are available in Efic's Annual Reports and on our online transaction register at [www.efic.gov.au](http://www.efic.gov.au)

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**Question No 120**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Corporate Welfare**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** Could you share with the committee your definition of 'corporate welfare' because I think that would be useful to understand if that is what you see how EFIC is operating.

**CHAIR:** It is not really within the—

**Senator RHIANNON:** It is very relevant to the operation of EFIC.

**CHAIR:** I am not sure that it is. I would prefer you to go somewhere else and not waste our time.

**Senator RHIANNON:** It is not wasting time at all, Chair. I do have a choice of questions.

**Senator Brandis:** I will take the question on notice.

**Answer**

Corporate welfare is generally defined as financial assistance, such as tax breaks or subsidies, given by the government especially to large companies. The Government believes Australia's economic growth will be stronger and more sustainable over the long term if Australian businesses are self-reliant, not dependent on assistance from the Government. In the context of EFIC, its mandate is to complement not compete with the private sector by focusing its support on small and medium-sized companies that are unable to access the finance they require to expand their businesses overseas.

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### Question No 121

**Program:** EFIC

**Topic:** SMEs

**Question in Writing**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

### Question

**Mr Hunter:** I recall, Senator Rhiannon, you asked me that question when we met in November. As you would imagine—I am happy to restate my answer—the 80:20 rule applies. If we do a transaction for \$100 million, we do a second transaction for \$100 million, then you will see that the bulk of the transactions by value are supporting larger projects. The point I would make on larger projects is that we support them off the back of Australian content and that Australian content involves subcontracting back to Australian companies and a significant number of those Australian companies are actually SMEs.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Can I get a percentage for the dollar amount?

**Mr Hunter:** I will take that on notice. I do not recall the answer I gave you last time and I would like to make sure I am accurate.

**Senator RHIANNON:** It was about the percentage amount, a comparison.

**Mr Hunter:** We can give you that percentage on notice.

### Answer

The table below was previously provided in response to QON 267 – Focus on SMEs from Supplementary Budget Estimates, 21 November 2013.

The breakdown for 2013-14 has been added to that table below:

<b>Efic signings by no. of transactions – 5 years to date</b>					
	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14
SME	44	90	95	135	206
Larger	10	10	7	8	6
Bank support*	-	1	2	25	7
Total	54	101	104	168	219

<b>Efic signings by value of transactions – 5 years to date</b>					
	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14
SME	\$88.5m	\$136.7m	\$195.5m	\$127.4m	\$88.8m

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Larger	\$882.8m	\$426.1m	\$784.4m	\$306.5m	\$466.6m
Bank support*	-	\$30.3m	\$23.6m	\$79.8m	\$21.2m
Total	\$971.3m	\$593.1m	\$1bn	\$513.8m	\$576.6m

\* Due to their short-term nature; transactions in the bank support portfolio are managed by the SME team. However, bank support clients are generally considered non-SME and hence are excluded from total figures for SME support.

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**Question No 122**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget - KPIs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Brown**

**Question**

- a) Given there is \$129,872,000 allocated to Tourism Australia from Programme 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations and similar funding in subsequent years, how does DFAT ensure this funding meets deliverables and KPIs if it does not 'take into account substantially what Tourism Australia is doing'? (transcript p.27)
- b) Given there is \$13,500,000 allocated in 2014-15 and \$14,000 each year thereafter allocated in Programme 1.3: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy to Tourism Australia, why does DFAT not 'take into account substantially what Tourism Australia is doing' (transcript p.27) in terms of public diplomacy?
- c) What information does DFAT receive from Tourism Australia about how funding allocated under these Programmes is spent, what outcomes it achieves and how the activities contribute to the deliverables and KPIs of the Programmes under which they are funded?
- d) Is the practice not to 'take into account substantially' what an agency is doing with funds appropriated under its Programmes consistent with the principles of good governance and public policy? Please explain.
- e) What coordination and cooperation, if any, does exist between DFAT, Austrade and Tourism Australia?
- f) Will DFAT be seeking to increase coordination with Tourism Australia in 2014-15?
  - a) If yes, how?

If not, why not?

**Answer**

- A. The \$129,872,000 allocated to Tourism Australia in Programme 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations, and similar funding in subsequent years is allocated to DFAT rather than to Tourism Australia directly, as under the



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Commonwealth financial framework the appropriation cannot be appropriated directly to Tourism Australia as a corporate Commonwealth entity. The funding provided to DFAT is in turn provided to Tourism Australia for management. Tourism Australia reports on its deliverables and key performance indicators through the Tourism Australia Agency Resources and Planned Performance reporting in the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Budget Statements. These results are published in the Tourism Australia Annual Report. The 2014-15 Annual Report will be the first report published within the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Report and will be tabled in October 2015. Tourism Australia's corporate plan 2014-17 details the agency's strategic focus and programs and is available on the Tourism Australia website: [www.tourism.australia.com](http://www.tourism.australia.com).

- B. See answer to part a).
- C. The \$13,500,000 allocated in 2014-15 and \$14,000,000 each year thereafter allocated in Programme 1.3: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy is allocated to DFAT rather than to Tourism Australia as the appropriation cannot be appropriated directly to Tourism Australia as a corporate Commonwealth entity. The funding provided to DFAT is in turn provided to Tourism Australia for management to deliver the Asia Marketing Fund.
- D. See answer to part a).
- E. Given the responses to a) to c), DFAT judges that that its portfolio budget statement is consistent with the principles of good governance and public policy.
- F. Following the integration of tourism into the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio, Austrade, Tourism Australia and DFAT are working closely together to strengthen the Australian tourism industry and promote Australia as a visitor destination.

Austrade provides policy advice and research and supports the implementation of the national-long term tourism strategy, Tourism 2020. The international tourism engagement function, including bilateral tourism relations with other governments and international bodies, is being led by DFAT. Tourism Australia is the Australian Government agency responsible for promoting Australia as an international destination for tourists and business travellers. Working in partnership with state and territory tourism organisations, industry and commercial partners, Tourism Australia aims to increase the economic benefits of tourism to Australia by building demand and increasing visitation and visitor spending. DFAT coordinates international tourism policy engagement and briefing support for ministerial visits in partnership with Austrade's Tourism Division and Tourism Australia.

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Regular coordination between DFAT, Austrade and Tourism Australia on tourism issues occurs through heads of portfolio agencies meetings and the day to day work of the agencies.

Austrade, Tourism Australia and DFAT have worked closely together to deliver a number of projects including Australia Week in China, G'day USA, and the Tourism Investment Attraction Partnership, and to develop the Government's Economic Diplomacy Agenda. As DFAT and Tourism Australia continue to work together, it is expected that new areas of cooperation will be identified.

Further information on each agency's role is set out on pages 4 to 5 of the Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15, Budget related Paper No.19, Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio.

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**Question No 123**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Palestinian children - Death of teenagers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Milne**

**Question**

1. Are you aware of the deaths of Nadeem Nawara (17) and Mohammad Salameh (16) on May 15 2014?
2. In light of other nations responding to these deaths, including the United States, has the Department briefed the Foreign Minister or other government MPs on this situation?
  - o If so, when did this briefing occur?
  - o Has the Department viewed the CCTV footage that shows the boys being shot?
3. Given the international gravity of this situation, is there a reason no statement has been made by the Foreign Minister?

Given the US has come out strongly calling for an investigation into the shooting and deaths, would Australia support these calls for an investigation?

**Answer**

1. Yes.
2. No.
  - a. Not applicable.
  - b. Yes.
3. No. The Government does not comment on every international event.
  - a. All alleged crimes should be investigated by the relevant authorities.

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**Question No 124**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FTAs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Eggleston**

**Question**

1. What does PM&C believe will be the benefits to Australia of the FTAs with Japan and Korea?
2. What would they be with China?
3. Given the economic benefits of FTAs, does PM&C believe there can ever be a case for not treating the conclusion of FTAs as a high priority?
4. Can you explain why in six years the previous government didn't conclude the FTA negotiations with China and Japan?
5. And is there any obvious explanation for why it managed only to conclude one bilateral FTA of the seven it was negotiating in six years in office?
6. Was PM&C ever concerned about the slow progress?

**Answer**

1. This is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. Negotiations on the China-Australia FTA are still in progress. DFAT is working to negotiate the best possible outcome for Australia on the China-Australia FTA.
3. This is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
4. The Department does not comment on previous governments' policy approaches.
5. The Department does not comment on previous governments' policy approaches.
6. This is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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**Question No 125**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Public Diplomacy - Black Arm Band**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Eggleston**

**Question**

1. Should taxpayers be subsidising artistic groups which portray a negative image of relations between indigenous and other Australians?
2. Presumably PM&C is aware that taxpayers have twice subsidised visits to New Caledonia by the musical protest group 'Black Arm Band'?
3. Does PM&C regard it as appropriate for a group with a name with such clearly politically partisan connotations to be funded by taxpayers as part of efforts to project Australia internationally?

**Answer**

1. All cultural diplomacy programs are selected in accordance with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's public diplomacy strategy. All procurement and grants undertaken by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade adhere to the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (PGPA) Act 2013 which superseded the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997.
2. This is a question that should be addressed to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
3. This is a question that should be addressed to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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### **Question No 126**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Investor State Dispute Settlement Provisions - KAFTA**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Whish-Wilson**

### **Question**

1. Has there been any changes to the text since it was signed and released?
2. In terms of the ISDS provisions in KAFTA. Is this ISDS provision based on standard text?
  - a. Is the ISDS text in KAFTA found in any other agreements?
  - b. ISDS issues are obviously being discussed across the world at the moment especially with the EU – US agreement.
    - i. Does DFAT do research into ISDS clauses and the best way to structure them?
    - ii. Does DFAT discuss with their international trade counterparts ISDS provisions and the best way to improve them?
    - iii. Does DFAT consult academics on ISDS carve outs?
    - iv. Any specific countries you talk to about ISDS?
  - c. In terms of the ISDS carve out clauses in KAFTA did DFAT consult on the wording of the text with experts external to Government on the strength of the clauses?
  - d. Did DFAT provide briefing on the strength of the ISDS carve out clauses in KAFTA to the Minister?
3. What arrangements does KAFTA and the recently signed deal with Japan provide for higher education providers?
  - a. Do they provide increased access for Australian providers into the Korean or Japanese market?
  - b. Do the agreements provide for increased access for Korean and Japanese higher education providers?
  - c. What consultation did DFAT do with the Department of Education and higher education providers around these changes?

### **Answer**

1. No
2. The ISDS provisions in KAFTA are similar to those in several other Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and investment treaties. The KAFTA ISDS text is based on that in the Korea-United States Free Trade Agreement (KORUS). However, KAFTA includes additional safeguards. These are found in the text of the

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Investment Chapter and its annexes, the General Provisions Chapter and in reservations (ie in Australia's schedule of non-conforming measures).

a The ISDS text in KAFTA is similar to that in KORUS. However, KAFTA includes additional safeguards, as noted above. The KORUS ISDS text is similar to that found in other recent investment agreements involving the United States, such as the United States – Peru FTA.

b i DFAT considers a range of primary and secondary sources in determining how to structure and approach ISDS issues.

ii DFAT officials have engaged in a range of discussions with international trade counterparts about ISDS, particularly in the context of FTA negotiations.

iii DFAT considers a range of primary and secondary sources in determining how to structure and approach ISDS issues. These include submissions and articles/chapters by academics.

iv DFAT officials have engaged in a range of discussions with international trade counterparts about ISDS, particularly with FTA partners in the context of FTA negotiations.

c No.

d Yes.

3.a. KAFTA provides Australian education suppliers with market access outcomes equivalent to Korea's best FTAs, including those with the United States and European Union. KAFTA does not provide new market access in education, but does guarantee Australian market access into the future, including in the growing area of adult education.

Japan's commitments on education in JAEPA are better than any it has made in other trade agreements to date. Japan has guaranteed to treat all Australian education providers, in areas other than primary and secondary schooling, as it does Japanese providers. This includes improved commitments on adult education and secures existing access for Australian universities in Japan. Japanese students seeking to study at a wide range of Australian education and training providers listed on the Australian National Register of Higher Education Providers, including TAFEs, will be able to apply for low-interest loans offered by the Japan Student Services Organization. This is an improved outcome for Australian education suppliers, which has been delivered through the JAEPA negotiations.

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b. KAFTA and JAEPA do not involve changes to Australia's existing regulatory requirements for education suppliers, and in this respect do not provide increased or new access to the Australian market for Korea and Japanese education suppliers. However, both agreements, in a similar way, guarantee existing market access arrangements for Japanese and Korean suppliers to the Australian market and require that Australia does not confer a competitive advantage to suppliers from other countries.

c. Stakeholder views were actively encouraged and considered throughout the negotiations on both JAEPA and KAFTA, including through: calls for public submissions; consultations in Tokyo, Seoul, Canberra and State and Territory capitals including with industry and civil society; regular stakeholder meetings involving peak associations; and sectoral roundtables.

Australia's negotiating positions on education were developed in close consultation with relevant government agencies, including the Department of Education as well as higher education providers. State and Territory Governments were consulted at key points in the negotiations to ensure that the agreements reflect their legislative requirements and practices.



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**Question No 127**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade in Services Agreement - TiSA**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Whish-Wilson**

**Question**

1. What is Australia hoping to achieve out of the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)
2. What barriers to investment are there across the world that this agreement is hoping to overcome?
3. In general terms what areas are other countries seeking access to inside Australia?

**Answer**

1. Our objective in the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) negotiations is to leverage Australia's already open services markets so that Australian business can benefit from the same treatment overseas that Australia already provides to foreign companies.
2. As a services-only trade agreement, the TiSA will cover investment for the purposes of establishing a presence overseas to provide services. Barriers to such establishment can include limitations on foreign ownership or requirements to form a partnership or joint venture with local providers.
3. Australia already has one of the most liberal services markets in this group. To date, we have not received any market access requests from any TiSA party.

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**Question No 128**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - Trade relationship**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Whish-Wilson**

**Question**

1. Can you confirm the media reports about Indonesia reconsidering their investment treaties with Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses in them?
2. Does Australia have a view of the merit of this?
3. The current Indonesian presidential campaign has involved some talk about economic nationalism.
  - a. Do you believe any Australian investments are seriously at risk?
4. Are you talking to Australia companies with investments in Indonesia about this situation?
5. Is the Government DFAT still pursuing Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations?
6. Can you provide an update?
7. When was the last meeting?

**Answer**

1. We are aware of media reporting in March that Indonesia's Vice-President Boediono had indicated Indonesia would move to terminate its bilateral investment treaties as they became due for renewal.
2. The operation of Indonesia's bilateral investment treaties is a matter for the Indonesian Government.
3. a. No.
4. Yes.
5. Yes.

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6. There have been two rounds of IA-CEPA negotiations to date and an intersessional meeting in November 2013. The Indonesian election process has affected the pace of IA-CEPA negotiations.
7. There was an intersessional meeting in November 2013.

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**Question No 129**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade - Trade delegation**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Whish-Wilson**

**Question**

*The Prime Minister took business people to China with him in a trade delegation and has invited some on his current trip.*

- 1. Who is paying for the business delegation?*
- 2. Are they paying their own way?*
- 3. What support does DFAT provide to the business delegations?*
- 4. Does DFAT put together briefing documents for example?*
- 5. Does DFAT provide support on the trip to the business delegation.*
- 6. How many DFAT staff travel with the Prime Minister overseas?*

**Answer**

1. Prime Minister Abbott's visits to China (April) and Canada and the United States (June), including participation by CEO and business leaders, were organized by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Please direct this question to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. As outlined for question 1, please direct this question to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
3. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was lead agency for coordinating the Prime Minister's visits to China, Canada and the United States. DFAT assisted with logistical arrangements and support.
4. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet coordinated the visits, including any briefing documentation. DFAT contributed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's briefing.
5. As per question 3 above, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was the lead agency for coordinating the Prime Minister's visits to China, Canada and the United States. DFAT assisted with logistical arrangements and support.
6. The Secretary and Australia's Ambassador to China travelled with the Prime Minister's delegation in China. Australia's Ambassador to the United States travelled with the Prime Minister in the United States. The First Assistant Secretary Americas Division travelled with the Minister for Trade and Investment, who accompanied the Prime Minister's business delegation in Canada and the United States.

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### **Question No 130**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: China - FTA**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Xenophon**

### **Question**

I understand the Government hopes to get China to sign the free trade agreement when we host the G20 in Brisbane on 15-16 November.

1. Are the Chinese asking for their own workers to work on any projects they buy into? If so, what is the Australian Government's position?
2. What are the Chinese asking for in respect of their State-Enterprises being able to buy Australian assets? What is the Australian Government's position in relation to any such request?
3. What is Australia getting in return?

### **Answer**

1. Issues related to Movement of Natural Persons, which includes temporary entry for skilled personnel and professionals, is one of the areas under negotiation and is a priority for China in the negotiations. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.
2. State-owned Enterprise (SOE) investment is a priority for China in negotiations. China has raised a range of issues relating to SOE investment in Australia over the course of negotiations, and we have engaged with China on how best to manage these issues. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.
3. Australia continues to pursue commercially-focused outcomes across all industries and sectors. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

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### **Question No 131**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Impact of cuts to Aid**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Xenophon**

### **Question**

In February this year the Annual Review of Aid Effectiveness for 2012-13 reported that we remained on track to deliver the following outcomes 2015-16:

- 10 million children vaccinated
- 1 million additional births with skilled birth attendants
- 8.5 million people access to safe drinking water
- 5 million people access to basic sanitation
- 4 million more boys and girls attending school
- 190,000 teachers trained

1. What assessment has DFAT done of the impact of the cuts to the Australian aid program will have on the achievement of those targets?

Given that over the five years the cuts amount to \$7.6billion and this is more than \$2billion more than the 2012-13 which achieved the following results:

- 2.76million children vaccinated
- 305,000 million additional births attended by skilled birth attendants
- million people with access to safe drinking water
- million people with access to basic sanitation
- 1.06million boys and girls enrolled in school
- 72,100 teachers trained

2. Will the Department still be recording and reporting these results each year?

### **Answer**

(This response addresses parts 1 and 2 together)

No such assessment has been undertaken. The results described relate to the previous Government's results framework for the aid program. The Government released a new performance framework on 18 June 2014 that will be used to measure the future performance of the aid program. The Department will also continue to record and report a range of aggregate

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development results on an annual basis. Variations in annual aggregate results may be due to a number of factors, including the changing sectoral focus of major programs, the commencement or completion of significant individual aid investments and the coverage of results reporting by major aid delivery partners.

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### **Question No 132**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Indo-Pacific Region**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Xenophon**

### **Question**

1. On your website it says, "The 2014-15 development assistance budget reinforces the Government's decision to refocus Australian aid on the Indo-Pacific region where 22 of 24 countries are still developing and face significant poverty issues." Could you provide a list of the 24 countries you say fall into the Indo-Pacific region for the purposes of the Australian aid program?
2. Could you provide a list of the countries which do not fall within the Indo-Pacific region but where the Australian Government will continue to provide bilateral aid?
3. Could you provide a list of the countries which the Australian Government has decided to end bilateral aid (ie. fulfil existing commitments but make no new commitments)?
4. Does the geographical focus on the Indo-Pacific extend to the humanitarian program or will the humanitarian program be exempt from geographical priorities consistent with Good Humanitarian Donorship principles?
5. For all countries receiving Australian aid could you provide a breakdown of the aid provided in 2012-13 and 2013-14 by:
  - a. Direct bilateral assistance provided through DFAT;
  - b. An estimate of the amount provided through DFAT regional and global expenditure;
  - c. An estimate ODA-eligible expenditure by other Australian government departments (other than DFAT);

### **Answer**

1. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 89.
2. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 90.



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3. Iraq and Egypt. In addition, all regional programing to Latin America and the Caribbean has ended. Further information on allocations to the Department's country, regional and global programs is provided in Table 1 at [www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014\\_2015\\_highlights](http://www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014_2015_highlights).
4. In line with our global responsibilities, Australia will respond promptly and effectively to humanitarian disasters, especially, but not only, in the Indo-Pacific region. For example, in April this year Australia provided \$20 million for children in Lebanon and Jordan who have fled across borders as refugees due to the Syrian crisis, and in May provided an additional \$2.6 million to address food shortages in South Sudan.
5. See answer to Question on Notice 91.

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**Question No 133**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: People Smuggling - Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Carr**

**Question**

How has the recent announcement of cutting \$7.6 billion from Australia's aid budget affected Australia's aid program to PNG?

- a. How will this impact upon the PNG Regional Resettlement Arrangement?
- b. Will it affect the processing of refugee applications in PNG?

**Answer**

- a. Changes to the Australian aid budget will not impact the PNG Regional Resettlement Arrangement.
- b. No.

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**Question No 134**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: - Passports**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Madigan**

**Question**

1. I believe that Australian passports, along with birth certificates, visas and some other important government documents are currently printed on Australian made paper?
2. A senate inquiry recently heard that there is a real risk that if the Government does not change its procurement procedures to support the viability of the only mill which is able to produce watermark and security grade papers left in Australia, the mill will close- are you aware of this?
3. I understand that one of the mill's competitive advantages is that it ensures the integrity of documents by conducting an internal and external security control system from purchase of materials to delivery of product through a very secure chain of custody and traceability system and it has a reputation for doing things by the book, which is particularly important for a secure chain of custody for paper that will be used in security documents.

Is this true? Is this why it is currently the manufacturer of choice of paper for Australian passports?

4. Can you confirm if the manufacturer of the Australian made paper assists any department DFAT officers in training them in identifying genuine documents and ultimate forgeries?
5. OK, can you guarantee the same level of integrity of Australian passports if Australia loses this capacity to produce the paper currently used in Australian passports?

Because, as I understand from evidence provided to the committee, if the production of this paper goes offshore we would be struggling to keep the security side of things. The watermark which we put in the paper, the inclusions that we put in the paper and things like that, are specific to the Shoalhaven Mill and the company Australian Paper. It is a signature

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definition in that paper that comes out of Shoalhaven. It can be identified that that it has come from the Shoalhaven mill.

6. Can you guarantee that the integrity of Australian passports will continue to be as strong as they are now if the paper is made overseas?
7. If not, can you commit to urgently obtaining an answer for the Committee and having it placed on the record?
8. How important is it to DFAT that Australian passports are made with paper that is traceable? Does it protect against forgeries/theft?
9. Are you able to review evidence provided to the committee which in inquiring into Commonwealth Procurement Procedures and perhaps have a discussion with the producer of the paper and provide some answers on notice about how important it is to the integrity of Australian passports that Australia maintains this capacity?

### **Answer**

1. Australian passports are printed on Australian-made paper.
2. Yes.
3. Australian Paper's Shoalhaven Mill has been manufacturing passport paper for more than 30 years and is the only paper mill in Australia with the capability to manufacture security paper.
4. Australian Paper Pty Ltd has provided training to DFAT staff on the security features of its paper.
5. Yes.
6. Yes.
7. Not applicable.
8. Security paper is an important anti-forgery measure in the Australian passport.
9. See answers to questions 3, 5, 6 and 8.

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### **Question No 135**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: China - Free Trade Agreement**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Madigan**

### **Question**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November the Premier of China will be visiting Brisbane for the G20 summit. It is anticipated by some that the Prime Minister will be signing the new trade agreement with the Chinese premier during the Summit.

The Chinese have been including a clause which requires China to be able to bring in foreign workers to work on the investments of their businesses.

1. Has such a clauses been discussed with this particular trade agreement, and if so, can it be ruled out?
2. State Owner Enterprises are not uncommon in China. Will this trade agreement provide further allowance for State Owned Enterprises to purchase Australian assets?

### **Answer**

1. Issues related to Movement of Natural Persons, which includes temporary entry for skilled personnel and professionals, is one of the areas under negotiation and is a priority for China in the negotiations. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

2. State Owner Enterprises are not uncommon in China. Will this trade agreement provide further allowance for State Owned Enterprises to purchase Australian assets?

State-owned Enterprise (SOE) investment is a priority for China in negotiations. China has raised a range of issues relating to SOE investment in Australia over the course of negotiations, and we have engaged with China on how best to manage these issues. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

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**Question No 136**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Israel and Palestine - Australian Embassy in Israel**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. Has DFAT been approached by any members of the Israeli government or any individuals about moving the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem?
  - a. If DFAT has been approached, who made the representations about moving the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem?
2. Is DFAT considering moving the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem?
  - a. If DFAT has considered moving the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem where is the process up to?
3. What would the financial cost be of moving the Australian Embassy from Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem?

**Answer**

1. DFAT has not been approached in recent years.
  - a. Not applicable.
2. No.
  - a. Not applicable.
3. DFAT has not calculated this cost because we are not planning to move the Embassy.

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**Question No 137**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Local businesses in Aid recipient countries**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. Will the new aid policy of promoting economic growth in low income countries involve opportunities for local businesses in the recipient country being awarded the contracts for the aid programs?
2. In the delivery of Australian aid, will local businesses be favoured over Australian and overseas companies?
3. If so how will this be managed in the delivery of the aid program?
4. If local businesses are not favoured in the new aid program in low income countries how will the benefits of economic growth flow to local communities?

**Answer**

1. Australia's aid investments will explore innovative ways to promote private sector growth and engage the private sector in achieving development outcomes. DFAT's business opportunities to support the Australian aid program are advertised on Austender. Local businesses can respond to these in order to bid for Australian aid program contracts. We will select the most effective partners that deliver high standards of value-for-money.
2. No.
3. N/A.
4. Economies grow when the private sector expands. The new aid policy will help partner economies to grow by improving the business enabling environment and helping create better functioning markets. This will enable all citizens in partner countries to participate in, and contribute to, stronger economic development.

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### **Question No 138**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - AFP in PNG**

### **Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. How many Australian police officers under the responsibility of the AFP are in PNG?
2. What is the budget for this program?
3. Is this budget classified as ODA?
4. Is the budget from this from DFAT or the AFP budget?
5. What activities do the AFP officers undertake in PNG?
6. Where are these AFP officers stationed?

### **Answer**

1. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) International Deployment Group currently has 73 members deployed under the Papua New Guinea-Australia Policing Partnership (PNG-APP). The AFP International Network has a Senior Liaison Officer and a Transnational Crime Unit (TCU) Advisor deployed to PNG. A total of 75 Australian police officers under the responsibility of the AFP are in PNG.
2. The budget for all programs conducted by the AFP in Papua New Guinea for financial year 2013-14 is \$43.9m.
3. \$30.9m of the budget is classified as ODA.
4. AFP budget.
5. The AFP officers attached to PNG-APP are undertaking an advisory role only; that is they do not exercise any executive police powers and are not armed. They work alongside the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) officers to provide frontline supervision and leadership advice, as well as strengthening the operational capacity of the RPNGC. AFP officers are in AFP uniform and work as advisors in publicly visible roles with RPNGC officers to develop RPNGC's community policing capabilities including the specialised areas of sexual offence investigations, traffic and criminal investigations. At the Bomana Police Training College, AFP officers deliver recruit and leadership training in order for graduates to be better prepared for their roles post college, including preparation for advancement.



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The focus of the PNG-APP is on coaching, mentoring and influencing the delivery of policing services across the RPNGC in accordance with the rule of law. Rule of law development is undertaken through engagement in respect of a host country's legal framework, law enforcement, judicial process and those who enforce judicial outcomes. The AFP focuses on police development to support law enforcement while also assisting other government partners, such as the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose work supports rule of law development.

Representing Australia's law enforcement interests, the AFP International Network Senior Liaison Officer provides police to police assistance to the RPNGC which involves the sharing of information and intelligence in our joint efforts to combat, disrupt and dismantle transnational crime. Liaison focuses primarily on law enforcement agencies in PNG with an emphasis on building and sustaining regional linkages to combat transnational criminal networks operating in the region. Strong relations are sustained with key agencies including RPNGC, PNG Customs and the PNG Immigration and Citizenship.

The AFP TCU Advisor attached to the PNG Transnational Crime Unit works in collaboration with the RPNGC in an effort to enhance their capability to combat transnational crime.

6. AFP appointees attached to PNG-APP are located in Port Moresby (61) and Lae (12).

The AFP International Network Senior Liaison Officer and the AFP TCU Advisor are deployed to the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby.

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### **Question No 139**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - Panguna Copper Mine on Bougainville**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. What is the Australian Government policy with regards to the reopening of the Panguna mine in Bougainville and what considerations led to the adoption of that policy?
2. Australian aid money is currently being used to facilitate negotiations over the reopening of the Panguna copper mine on Bougainville, has the Department received any evidence or advice that the mine affected communities support this process?
  - a. If so what is that evidence or advice?
3. Is the department aware that senior executives from Bougainville Copper Limited, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto, have confessed to supplying the PNG Defence Force with significant logistic assistance, even after they became aware of the human rights abuses, while internal BCL documents reveal the company's Managing Director even provided a list of targets to the security forces?
4. Considering the Rio Tinto subsidiary, Bougainville Copper Limited, has stated its intention to return to Bougainville, despite evidenced allegations the company was complicit in human rights abuses during the conflict, does the Australian government support the return of BCL to Bougainville?

### **Answer**

1. It is for the Autonomous Bougainville Government, the PNG Government and the people of Bougainville to determine the future of mining in Bougainville.
2. Australia, jointly with the PNG Government, Autonomous Bougainville Government and New Zealand, provides wide-ranging financial support to ensure communities affected by the Panguna mine are able to effectively engage in negotiations on the future of the mine. The Autonomous Bougainville Government Mining Department and the Office of Panguna Negotiations have advised that mine-affected communities in Panguna value the support.
3. The department is aware of allegations made in the article entitled "State Crime by Proxy" which appeared in the British Journal of Criminology in 2012 (volume 52, issue No 4, page 705). The Department is also aware of a number of legal actions taken on behalf of a group of Bougainvilleans in the United States against Rio Tinto PLC. The Australian Government is not a

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party to any of these proceedings, but the Department is aware of some of the information submitted in those proceedings which is publically available.

4. It is for the Autonomous Bougainville Government, the PNG Government and the people of Bougainville to determine the future of mining in Bougainville.

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**Question No 140**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PNG - Illegal Land Grabs in PNG by Australian businesses**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. Considering the growing evidence that Australian companies and business people are facilitating illegal land grabs in PNG, using both Special Agricultural and Business Leases, in addition to State Leases and considering the failure of the PNG government to investigate or prosecute Australians involved in these potentially criminal actions, has or will the Australian government be taking any steps to address these serious illegal activities?
  - a. If not, why not?
2. What concerns have been raised or discussed with the Australian Government about this issue?
  - a. By whom?
  - b. What has been the outcome of any such communications?

**Answer**

1. The legislative framework for land use in Papua New Guinea is a matter for the Papua New Guinean Government. To the extent that the allegations relate to extraterritorial offences under Australian law, these allegations have been referred to the Australian Federal Police for investigation.
2. There has been a series of media reports drawing on the PNG Commission of Inquiry report findings.

The Department is aware of four letters from members of the Australian public to members of the Australian Parliament regarding the issue over the past six months. The Department has replied to these letters to address concerns raised.

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**Question No 141**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Seabed Mining research funding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. When funding was provided via ADRAS Award recipients for research into seabed and deep sea mining, what work was undertaken to ensure that each of the coastal communities who would be potentially impacted by this form of mining would be in a position to give their free, prior and informed consent before any research, exploration or full scale mining proceeded?
2. What social and cultural impact studies have been undertaken to assess the effect seabed and deep sea mining will have on coastal communities in low income countries?
3. Given different communities will experience social, economic and cultural impacts specific to their particular community, what consideration and consultation with those specific communities in each country is being undertaken? May I please have details.
4. If no such studies have been undertaken why is research on such mining being funded from the aid budget prior to such social impact studies being carried out?
5. In providing funding for research on how best to protect the interests of developing countries in relation to the proposal for seabed and deep sea mining what research has been undertaken to ensure that it is the residents of those countries, particularly those who live in coastal communities, who will benefit?

**Answer**

1. As an Australian Development Research Award Scheme (ADRAS) funding recipient, the ANU prepared a Communications and Engagement Plan for DFAT's (then AusAID) consideration. This includes appropriate communication and engagement with local communities with a stake in deep seabed mining.
2. This research project aims to identify how best to promote and protect the interests of developing states in relation to seabed mining. Information in

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response to this question is expected to be available when the research activity ends in June 2016.

3. How these matters are managed is for the grant recipients to determine.
4. This research activity will help inform the Australian Government's understanding of the risks and opportunities presented by deep seabed mining in South Pacific developing countries.
5. This issue is central to the research currently being undertaken by the ANU under the relevant ADRAS grant.

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**Question No 142**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - NGO funding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

Considering the Australian NGO Cooperation Program accounts for 2.6% of total Australian ODA and that ANCP was comprehensively endorsed by the 2011 Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness and was recommended for increased funds why have NGOs not received more funding?

**Answer**

Australian Government funding for non-government organisations (NGOs) through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) has increased significantly since 2011. In 2014-15, Australian NGOs funded through the ANCP will receive \$134 million, an increase of \$3.3 million from the previous financial year.

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### **Question No 143**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid and ODA - ODA and Women**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

Considering the DFAT Budget Statement repeatedly notes that gender equality and women's empowerment will be a focus for the aid program, but makes no mention of a policy framework or programs, policies and expenditure:

1. Will the Ambassador for Women and Girls be a fully resourced position?
2. How will this policy commitment be matched by funding?
3. Will this focus on gender equality be progressed through the whole of the aid program?
4. How will the government track aid investments in gender equality and women's empowerment and the effectiveness of these investments?
5. What percentage of our ODA will be spent on sexual, reproductive and maternal health?

### **Answer**

1. The Ambassador for Women and Girls is a fully resourced position supported by a small secretariat located within the Multilateral Policy Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Ambassador performs her duties on a part-time basis. Since her appointment in December 2013 she has worked an average of 15 days per month.
2. Expenditure on initiatives where gender is a significant objective is estimated to be approximately \$2 billion in 2013-14.
3. Yes. The Australian Government has identified gender equality and empowering women and girls as an investment priority within the new development policy launched by the the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs on 18 June 2014.
4. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade uses the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) gender marker to track spending. The Government has set a



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target requiring that at least 80 per cent of investments, regardless of their objectives, will effectively address gender issues in their implementation.

5. We estimate that 16 per cent of ODA funding in 2014-15 will be spent on health. This will include funding for maternal and child health; sexual and reproductive health; other health related activities; and essential water, sanitation and hygiene as outlined in the new development policy *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*. It is not possible to forecast detailed subcomponents of the health budget as it includes funding commitments to be agreed during the year, and which are under consideration.

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**Question No 144**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: People Smuggling - ODA funding for People Smuggling**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

Will ODA funding be used to support the International Engagement to Prevent and Disrupt Maritime People Smuggling and what programs will be included as part of this?

**Answer**

All of this funding relates to the Department's Programme 1.1 and will fund the Department's support for the Government's counter people smuggling operations, including the office of the Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues and a dedicated counter people-smuggling position in Sri Lanka.

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**Question No 145**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Mining for Development**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

What is the relationship between the Extractives for Growth Program in West and Central Africa with the Mining for Development program?

**Answer**

There is no actual 'extractives for growth program' as such either in West and Central Africa or Africa more broadly. We deliver a range of extractives-related assistance through various mechanisms including Australia Awards and the Australia Africa Partnership Facility. This will continue in 2014-15 though budget allocations are yet to be finalised. We are currently in the design phase for mechanisms (including Australia Awards) to deliver extractives-related assistance beyond 2014-15.

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**Question No 146**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid – Micro development**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

Will micro-enterprise developments be supported by ODA funding, and if so how?

**Answer**

Australian development assistance will help partner countries to strengthen their whole private sector, including micro-enterprises and informal businesses, through improving the business enabling environment, building better functioning markets, supporting infrastructure investment and increasing aid-for-trade. Specific programs, such as the Microenterprise Development Program in Nepal, will continue to address the additional challenges faced by micro-enterprises in accessing finance, building their skills and participating in supply chains.

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**Question No 147**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change - Climate Change and adaptation**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. The government indicated that disaster risk reduction and resilience building initiatives will be funded this financial year. What mechanisms will be used to deliver this funding, and will it be additional to humanitarian funding?
2. How will the government continue to address climate change through the aid program – in particularly supporting poor and vulnerable women and men living in our neighbouring countries build their resilience to expected changes?\
3. Will Australia join other countries in making a contribution to the Green Climate Fund in 2014?
4. Will funding to NGOs continue through the community-based climate change action grants mechanism?
5. What multilateral funds, such as the Least Developed Countries Fund and Adaptation Fund, will the government contribute to in 2014/2015?
6. What will be the total value of the Department's investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation programs in 2014/2015?

**Answer**

1. Australia will support disaster risk reduction through three main mechanisms:
  - multilateral partnerships to support leadership and advocacy efforts to reduce disaster risks
  - bilateral development programs to build the capacity of partner countries to reduce disaster risks
  - integrating disaster risk reduction into our development and humanitarian assistance programs.

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Programs will be funded from country program allocations and humanitarian funding.

2. The new aid policy, *Australian Aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, states that the aid program will work with countries in the region to build resilience to climate-related shocks and manage the impacts of climate change. Australia will deliver a large part of its support for climate change activities through bilateral and regional programs.

3. Any decision to invest in the Green Climate Fund will be made in the same way as any proposed multilateral contribution. Funding decisions are based on an analysis of whether the individual multilateral organization is best placed to deliver outcomes in line with the Government's objectives.

4. Australia provided \$34 million to non-government organisations over two years (2011-12 to 2012-13) for the Community-Based Climate Change Action Grants program as part of Australia's \$599 million fast-start climate finance commitment (2010-2013). The funding has been fully disbursed and final reports for project activities are expected in February 2015. No further funding has been allocated to this program in the 2014-15 budget.

5. The Australian Government has announced a \$93 million contribution for the sixth replenishment to the Global Environment Facility (2014-18), which includes \$17.4 million for 2014-15. The Government also committed \$5 million in the 2014-15 Budget to the Global Green Growth Institute, which is not a multilateral fund but a technical economic advisory organisation. Contributions to the ninth replenishment of the Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund will be considered through the course of 2014-15.

6. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade can only determine accurately the total value of aid program investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation in 2014-15 after the end of that financial year.

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### **Question No 148**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Global Partnership for Education – Education**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. Does the \$100 million provision for Global Education Programs in 2014-15 complete the Australian pledge to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) for 2011 to 2014?
2. What will the Government pledge for the 2015 to 2018 period at the June 2014 Pledging Conference for Global Partnership for Education?
3. Has Australia's representative at the Global Partnership for Education Conference been decided yet? If so who is that person?
4. What is the estimated provision for total aid for education in 2014-5, and will this provision be sufficient for aid to education to reach \$5 billion over five years?
5. As the Minister for Foreign Affairs has described education as a central pillar of the aid program, does the government plan to adopt a new multi-year commitment to aid for education to replace the five-year commitment which expires in 2014-15?

### **Answer**

1. Yes.
2. Australia pledged \$140 million to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) over four years (2015-18).
3. The GPE Pledging Conference on 26 June 2014 was attended by Senator the Hon Brett Mason, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
4. The 2014/15 budget estimate for education is approximately \$1.1 billion. In 2010, and in the context of an increasing aid program, the previous government pledged spending of approximately \$5 billion on education between 2010 and 2015.
5. No.

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### **Question No 149**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Afghanistan – Women in Afghanistan**

### **Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. How will the cuts to ODA affect the women and girls in Afghanistan?
2. Will the introduction of benchmarking in Australia's aid program include monitoring of improvements in the status of women and girls in Afghanistan?
  - a. When will the benchmarking begin?
  - b. How will the benchmarks be established?
  - c. What will they cover: education, health, life expectancy, school enrolments etc?
3. What will Australia do to encourage stronger action on the Elimination of Violence Against Women Law in Afghanistan and full implementation of this crucial law?
4. Given the government's commitment to the empowerment and development of women generally, will Australia target aid in Afghanistan directly to local women's groups?
5. For the remainder of its term, will Australia continue to promote the full implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda into all new resolutions, mandates and mandate renewals?
6. Given the reduction in aid to Afghanistan from \$200m to the current \$130m per year, how will the Government uphold the 5 year MoU signed in 2012 with Afghanistan pledging \$1b?
  - a. Will this now be committed over 7-8 years?

### **Answer**

1. Support for women and girls remains a key element of Australia's development efforts in Afghanistan. The \$17.7 million Afghanistan Elimination of Violence Against Women Program budget allocation has been maintained.
2. Empowering women and girls is one of the 10 high level targets identified in Australia's new Aid Policy to ensure the aid program is effectively managed and delivering on key Government priorities. The Afghanistan program will incorporate performance benchmarks in its 2014-2017 Aid Investment Plan to enable annual assessment of progress against a number of objectives, including in gender equality and women's empowerment issues. The benchmarks will



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include results that are directly attributable to Australian aid. Gender-related benchmarks may include the number of girls enrolled or the number of women and girl survivors of violence receiving shelter and support services, through assistance provided by Australia. All investments will also seek to improve the collection of sex-disaggregated data in order to better understand their impacts on women and girls.

3. Australia works closely with the international community to monitor progress on implementation of the Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) Law, one of the key indicators in the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework (TMAF) (agreed by international donors and the Afghan Government at the July 2012 Tokyo Conference). Australia uses its role in TMAF technical and steering committees in Kabul, including working-level collaboration between '5+3' donor capitals and high-level meetings, to advocate full implementation of the law.

Australia also supports the implementation of the EVAW Law through the \$17.7 million Elimination of Violence Against Women Program in Afghanistan (2013-2016). The Program includes training of police and key justice sector officials such as judges and prosecutors on awareness and application of the EVAW Law, targeted awareness and training activities on the EVAW Law for government officials and community leaders and members. In its first nine months of implementation the Program educated 3,586 (1,464 women and 2,122 men) government officials, religious and community leaders, school teachers and students, and community members on the EVAW Law and women's rights.

4. Australia already targets funding directly to women's groups through the Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) Program in Afghanistan. This includes Australia's \$3.3 million funding to the Afghan Women's Network, announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in June 2014. The Network functions as a representative body for the women of Afghanistan, with over 110 member organisations and 3500 individual members, who come from all 34 provinces. Australia's support will assist the Network and member organisations to:

- strengthen their advocacy and leadership efforts on priority peace and security, rights and legislative reform issues impacting Afghan women;
- pilot a Young Women's Leadership Program to help build a new generation of women leaders in Afghanistan; and
- expand and strengthen women's networks across the country so Afghan women in rural and urban areas have a voice in their future.

5. Australia has been and will continue to be a strong and consistent advocate for strengthening the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in the UN Security Council (2013-2014). Australia will continue to work to include strong, operative WPS provisions in peacekeeping and peacebuilding mandates and other Council products to further embed WPS language and considerations in Council practice.

6. *The Memorandum of Understanding 'Development Framework Agreement' between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the*

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*Government of Australia 2012-2017* does not include any funding commitments. Funding allocations to Afghanistan for future years will be determined through the ongoing budget process.

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### **Question No 150**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Global Health Program**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. If the Government believes aid funding should be tied directly to economic performance, how does it propose to measure the effectiveness of Australia's contributions to global health initiatives?
2. Considering this budget contains an overall cut to Global Health Programmes and considering there are many competing priorities in this space, all critical to helping reduce poverty, what are the implications for these priorities?
3. Will the Government confirm that it will continue its present levels of monetary contributions to the Global Fund?
4. What is the funding profile over the forward estimates of the Global Fund pledge made in December?
5. With the replenishment for GAVI occurring later this year where does GAVI lie in terms of the Government's priorities? Is consideration being given to increasing Australian support for GAVI? If so what decision has been made?

### **Answer**

1. The new development policy, Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability (released on 18 June 2014) sets out how the Australian aid program will promote Australia's national interests by contributing to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. This is complemented by a new performance framework Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid, to ensure that funding is linked to performance at all levels of the aid program, which will include Australia's contribution to global health initiatives.
2. The information provided in the budget for Global Health Programmes does not detail global health contributions yet to be considered and agreed by the Government. Funding to Global Health Programmes for 2014-15 will include further commitments to be agreed during the year, e.g. the GAVI replenishment which is under consideration. Priorities in Global Health Programmes will be considered in line with the new aid strategy.

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3. The Government made a pledge of \$200 million to the Global Fund's 4th replenishment with provision for this contribution in the budget forward estimates.
4. Australia's funding profile to the Global Fund's 4<sup>th</sup> replenishment
  - 2014-15 – 35 million
  - 2015-16 – 60 million
  - 2016-17 – 105 million
  - **Total – 200 million**
5. The Government values GAVI as an effective and innovative partner of the aid program. A final decision has not yet been made concerning Australia's future support for GAVI.

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### **Question No 151**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - World Bank global elimination of poverty**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. Has the Australian Government endorsed the goals the World Bank to help end extreme poverty by 2030? What role will Australia play over the next decade in helping achieving this?
2. Considering the IMF and World Bank have both suggested inequality can shorten economic growth and indeed structural inequality can be an obstacle to economic development will the aid program focus on inequality as a central part of the government's aid for trade agenda?

### **Answer**

1. (a) Yes.

1. (b)

Australia provides core funding support to the World Bank through three year replenishments rounds. In December 2013 Australia committed AU\$748.8 million for the IDA17 replenishment period (2014 to 2016) which is paid to the Bank over a nine year period. Australia also provides financial support for specific projects delivered by the Bank. In addition to financial support, Australia engages with the Bank on policy issues to promote more efficient and effective Bank operations.

2. The Australian aid program aims to promote prosperity, reduce poverty and enhance stability including through inclusive economic growth. The aid for trade agenda will play an important role in achieving these aims. Aid for trade helps developing countries to trade and diversify their economic activity. This will contribute to achieving sustained economic growth, creating jobs and reducing poverty.

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### **Question No 152**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - General**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. How many staff employed previously within AusAID have left DFAT? Of these how many are voluntary redundancies?
2. Where does the Government propose to redirect the funds from having saved \$110 million in DFAT staffing cuts?
3. Is it the Government's position that stability in the Asia-Pacific will be enhanced primarily by increasing Defence funding and enhancing economic growth?
4. Is the Government aware that its position in the United Nations Security Council was awarded partly on Australia's history of overseas development assistance, and that a reduction in aid of 10% in real terms by 2015-16 may have significant negative diplomatic consequences?
5. Is the Government aware that the major sources of national insecurity over recent years have been from regions beyond the Indo-Pacific, and that cuts in development programs outside this region may enhance those same sources of insecurity?
6. Is the Government aware that if Indo-Pacific economies fail to improve, that this will represent a failure in its 'new paradigm' of overseas development aid?
7. How does the Government propose to increase the transparency of its foreign aid efforts when it has failed to outline a comprehensive aid policy?
8. Where WILL the \$380 million allocated for 'Cross Regional Programs' be directed, and for what purpose?

### **Answer**

1. There have been 316 separations from the former AusAID workforce since integration on 1 November 2013. Of these, 137 have separated with voluntary redundancy packages.

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2. Where the fund are directed is a matter for the government.
3. Stability in the region will be enhanced through Australia's development, diplomacy and security efforts. Questions on Defence funding should be directed to the Department of Defence.
4. During its time on the UN Security Council, Australia has played a key role and secured outcomes that strengthen the Council's capacity to address international peace and security issues. Australia negotiated the first-ever Council resolution on small arms and light weapons, a breakthrough resolution on humanitarian access in Syria, and helped establish a basis for the UN to support Afghanistan beyond 2014. Australia's constructive and dynamic role on the Council has enhanced its international reputation and strengthened diplomatic ties with Council members and the broader UN community.
5. Decisions on the allocation of Australia's aid program funding reflect consideration of Australia's national interest, including an assessment of the costs of regional instability and insecurity.
6. Economic growth in the Indo-Pacific is not dependent on Australian aid alone. The new development policy released on 18 June 2014 recognises that aid represents an increasingly small proportion of development finance. The new aid paradigm reinforces the need for Australian aid to be more nimble and catalytic, helping to unleash these other drivers of development.

The performance of Australia's aid program will be monitored through a new performance framework, *Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid*, launched on 18 June 2014. The Government will measure the aid program's effectiveness, learn from mistakes and adjust or cancel programs that are not achieving results.

7. The Government released its new development policy on 18 June 2014, which outlines the Government's commitment to high standards of transparency and accountability in the management of the Australian aid program.
8. Refer to response to question 30.

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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

### **Question No 153**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget - transparency**

### **Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. Was any advice sought from the Department prior to the decision being made not to produce the Blue Book? Did the Minister decide that this publication should not be produced?
2. In Questions on Notice, Question No. 298 the Department in response to the question, "which programs and projects which had been planned have been cut, delayed or had their budget reduced to make the cut to the 2013-14 budgeted amount?" answered that details were available on the DFAT website. Can you direct me to the exact URLs where I can find the information listed in previous blue books?
3. How quickly will information be available on the website after decisions and changes have been made to the aid program and how long will it remain on the website?
4. Were the new aid policy framework and benchmarks for the Australian aid program, which are yet to be announced, used as a basis for budget allocations in the 2014-15 budget?

### Overall Sectoral Spends in the Aid Program

5. Could you provide details of what percentage of the total Australian aid program will be spent on the following sectors in 2013-14 (the current year) and an estimate for the 2014-15 budget? The original 2013-14 Budget Estimates were: Health 14%; WASH 5%; Education 22%; Food Security 8%; Humanitarian & disaster response (excluding asylum seeker support costs) 9%; Governance 18%.

### 2014-15 Budget

6. What are the aid budget to GNI percentages for the 2014-15 financial year and the forward estimates?



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### **Answer**

1. No. The Government did not request preparation of a ministerial statement on aid for the 2014-15 Budget.

2. The 2013-14 Budget Ministerial Statement for the aid program (the 'blue book') is available at [aid.dfat.gov.au/Budgets/Pages/budget13default](http://aid.dfat.gov.au/Budgets/Pages/budget13default).

3. The Department endeavours to update its website after major decisions; exact timeframes will vary from case to case according to the program or issue. In regard to budget information, the website will be updated at least once a year at the time of the May Budget announcement. Previous budget information (e.g. portfolio budget statements and ministerial statements) can be found at [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au).

4. Yes, they were developed in parallel.

5. The Department has modified its sectoral definitions to reflect the Government's new priorities for the aid program, as detailed in its policy: Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability. Projections for 2014-15 have been calculated on the basis of the new investment priorities, as detailed on the Department's website at [www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014\\_2015\\_highlights](http://www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014_2015_highlights).

6. The estimate of Official Development Assistance (ODA) as a percentage of Gross National Income (GNI) over the forward estimates is:

- 2014-15: 0.32
- 2015-16: 0.30
- 2016-17: 0.30
- 2017-18: 0.29

The Government has focused on stabilising the development assistance budget rather than committing to time-bound ODA/GNI targets.

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### **Question No 154**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Aid to the Private sector**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. Is DFAT aware of the recent strong criticism by the British Government's own aid watchdog, the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) – akin to our Office of Development Effectiveness in DFAT – about the British approach to the private sector and development?
2. What lessons has DFAT taken from the DFID experience and how is DFAT working to ensure that the problems identified by the ICAI are not repeated here as DFAT seeks a greater focus on the private sector?

### **Answer**

1. Yes
2. The ICAI endorsed the need for donors to work more with the private sector to support economic growth in developing countries, however, the report did identify a number of issues that other donor countries should be aware of as they increase their engagement with the private sector. DFAT has analyzed the report and DFID's formal response, and has followed up with DFID staff responsible for this area to ensure the development of DFAT's approach (including strategies, processes and systems) takes into account the ICAI report recommendations.

DFAT is also working closely with other donors and organisations with a strong track record in private sector development; using their experience and knowledge to develop approaches appropriate to Australia's interests and capacity. This includes the US and EU/EC, multilateral partners such as the World Bank group, as well as business, academia and the NGO community.

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### **Question No 155**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change - 34T**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. How does the government plan to continue to support climate change adaptation and low carbon development through the aid program?
2. What will be the total value within the aid program of investments in climate change mitigation and adaptation in 2014/2015?
3. Why was this not detailed in the budget?
4. What proportion of this investment is being channelled through bilateral and multilateral channels respectively?
5. Which multilateral funds, including the Adaptation Fund, Least Developed Countries Fund, and Green Climate Fund, does Australia plan to contribute to in 2014/2015?
6. What plans are being made to scale-up Australia's overall climate finance investment in line with the shared international goal of mobilising \$100bn a year by 2020 from a variety of sources?

### **Answer**

1. The new aid policy, *Australian Aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, states that the aid program will work with countries in the region to build resilience to climate-related shocks and manage the impacts of climate change. Australia will deliver a large part of its support for climate change activities through bilateral and regional programs.
- 2&3. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade can only determine accurately the total value of aid program investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation in 2014-15 after the end of that financial year.
4. Planning processes for 2014/2015 are still underway and therefore the split between bilateral and multilateral channels has not yet been finalised.
5. The Australian Government has announced a \$93 million contribution for the sixth replenishment to the Global Environment Facility (2014-18), which includes \$17.4 million for 2014-15. The Government also committed \$5 million in the 2014-15 Budget to the Global Green Growth Institute, which is not a multilateral fund but a technical economic advisory

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organisation. *For questions on the Green Climate Fund part refer to QON 147(3).*

6. See answer to 466.

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### **Question No 156**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget - 2014-15 Budget**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. The DFAT Portfolio Budget Statement for 2014/15 has allocated \$338.6 million to Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees (global programs) – but this does not include humanitarian spend in the country and regional programs or by other government department. However the [DFAT website](#) reports that \$264.2 million is the estimated outcome spend for Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees (global programs) in 2013/14, which is inconsistent with the Portfolio Budget Statement which says the estimated outcome in 2013/14 is \$182.6 million (see [table 2.1](#) on p30), what is the reason for this enormous discrepancy?
2. What is Australia's total budgeted expenditure on humanitarian assistance in the country and regional programs (ie. outside the global humanitarian program)?
3. What is Australia's budgeted expenditure on humanitarian assistance in each country and regional program?
4. What is Australia's total budgeted expenditure on humanitarian assistance from other government departments?
  - a. For each of the other government departments delivering humanitarian assistance, what is their respective humanitarian funding budget?
5. Is any of this funding going towards the provision of services for refugees in detention centres funded or otherwise controlled by the Australian Government?
6. Considering that for this current financial year [DFAT's website](#) reports that \$264.2 million is the estimated outcome spend for Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees (global programs) in 2013/14, whereas the Portfolio Budget Statement reports the estimated outcome in 2013/14 is \$182.6 million (see [table 2.1](#) on p30) what is the reason for this discrepancy and what is the actual estimated outcome for humanitarian emergencies and refugees in 2013/14?

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7. If the spend is the lower figure – why is the government not fully expending the humanitarian budget in 2013/14 when there are such enormous funding gaps in Syria, South Sudan and other terrible emergency situations?
8. Is the government shifting expenditure from the 2013/14 financial year into next year's budget?

#### **Answer**

1. The 2013-14 estimated outcome for the total Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees programme is \$264.2 million as shown on the DFAT website. The 2013-14 figures in the Portfolio Budget Statement do not include the budget for the first four months of the financial year as this was appropriated to AusAID before it was integrated into DFAT.
2. Australia's 2014-15 budget estimate of expenditure on humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and social protection in the country and regional programs is \$338.2 million.
3. Please refer to Answer 2.
4. While some other Australian Government departments deliver overseas development assistance, the Department is not provided with advice regarding internal budget allocations. This advice is best sought from those departments directly.
5. Please refer to Answer 4.
6. Please refer to Answer 1.
7. Please refer to Answer 1.
8. No.

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**Question No 157**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: People Smuggling - Aid funding for border protection**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. On 26 May the Minister for Foreign Affairs said in Question Time, “We are no longer raiding the aid budget to the tune of \$740 million to plug a hole in the border protection budget.”
  - a. Does this mean the Australian Government has taken a policy decision to end the practice of classifying domestic asylum seeker costs as ODA and has returned the money which was earmarked for this to the Australian aid budget?
  - b. If yes, when was this decision taken?
  - c. When was it announced?

**Answer**

- A. The use of official development assistance (ODA) for onshore asylum-seeker costs will cease in July 2014.
- B. This decision is part of the 2014-15 Budget.
- C. 3 May 2014.

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### **Question No 158**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Integration - 34T**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. Last Senate Estimates it was detailed how many staff had resigned or had taken a redundancy since 1 November, may I have updated details?
2. What is the breakdown by employing agency (AusAID or DFAT) prior to November 1 and a breakdown by specialist or generalist roles in relation to staff who have resigned or taken a redundancy?
3. In February Senate Estimates Mr Varghese reported that he had decided that the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) would not report to him as Secretary but rather report to a Deputy Secretary, and that the Commission of Audit recommended that ODE be made an independent unit within another agency: has the government formed a view about whether ODE should be transferred to another agency? What is that view?
4. Has any advice been sought from the DFAT about the Commission of Audit Recommendation that ODE be made an independent unit within another agency? What advice has been received?
5. Considering in Questions on Notice, Question No. 82 the Department said that decisions on staffing levels would be finalised through the 2014-15 budget: what is the best estimate for projected workplace numbers for the Department following the integration of DFAT and AusAID?
6. Considering in Questions on Notice, Question No. 294 the Department said that in ensuring the retention of development expertise dedicated development focused divisions had been established and dedicated development positions within geographic divisions had been established could you supply information on the following staffing issues:
  - a. How many staff are employed in the development focused divisions (broken down by level)?
  - b. How many staff are employed in dedicated development positions within geographical divisions (broken down by level)?



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- c. Are there any other dedicated development positions in other parts of the Department, if so how many (broken down by level)?
  - d. Are there any dedicated development positions at post, if so how many (broken down by level)?
7. Has DFAT inherited responsibility for convening the Development Effectiveness Steering Committee (DESC)? How many times has it met since 1 November 2013? Who chairs the DESC?

#### Answer

1. Since 1 November 2013 to date, 60 staff have resigned and 210 have taken a voluntary redundancy.
2. Table 1 shows the number of staff who separated by employing agency (AusAID or DFAT) prior to 1 November 2013. All staff who resigned or accepted a voluntary redundancy have been from generalist roles, with the exception of one gender specialist.

Table 1: separations prior to 1 November 2013

Separations	July 2013 - October 2013		
	Pre-integration DFAT	Former AusAID	Total DFAT
Separations	25	32	57
Voluntary Redundancy	3	0	3
Transfer to another agency	5	5	10
Non-ongoing cessation	22	34	56
Other*	1	0	1
<b>Total DFAT</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>127</b>

*\*Other includes separations resulting from breach of code of conduct and illness.*

3. It is not appropriate for the department to comment on government decision making processes.
4. No.
5. The 2014-15 budget included a projected Average Staffing Level of 5,640 staff (3,384 APS staff and 2,256 locally engaged staff).

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6. Development roles, and mixed function roles where development is a component, are located across the Department's integrated structure including geographic divisions, multi-lateral divisions, policy divisions, and at posts. The department is unable to provide a response with the level of detail requested without an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
7. The Development Effectiveness Steering Committee (DESC) ceased to exist on 31 October 2013.

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### **Question No 159**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Aid - Country programs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. The DFAT website states “The 2014-15 development assistance budget reinforces the Government’s decision to refocus Australian aid on the Indo-Pacific region where 22 of 24 countries are still developing and face significant poverty issues.” could you provide a list of the 24 countries you say fall into the Indo-Pacific region for the purposes of the Australian aid program?
2. Could you provide a list of the countries which do not fall within the Indo-Pacific region but where the Australian Government will continue to provide bilateral aid?
3. Could you provide a list of the countries which the Australian Government has decided to end bilateral aid (ie. fulfil existing commitments but make no new commitments)?
4. Does the geographical focus on the Indo-Pacific extend to the humanitarian program or will the humanitarian program be exempt from geographical priorities consistent with Good Humanitarian Donorship principles?
5. For all countries receiving Australian aid could you provide a breakdown of the aid provided in 2012-13 and 2013-14 by:
  - a. Direct bilateral assistance provided through DFAT;
  - b. An estimate of the amount provided through DFAT regional and global expenditure;
  - c. An estimate ODA-eligible expenditure by other Australian government departments (other than DFAT);
6. In Questions on Notice, Question No. 39 the Department provided a summary of country and regional program funding currently committed and spending approvals under the FMA Act for financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17 as at March 2014. May I please have an updated summary for all country and regional programs?

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**Answer**

1. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 89.
2. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 90.
3. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 132 (part 3).
4. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 132 (part 4).
5. Refer to answer to Question on Notice 91.
6. See table below (next page).

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DFAT Country and Regional Programs	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Committed \$m	Committed \$m	Committed \$m
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>629.7</b>	<b>506.2</b>	<b>71.9</b>
Papua New Guinea	276.5	285.8	10.4
Solomon Islands	61.2	42.4	3.3
Vanuatu	35.6	26.6	0.9
Samoa	18.4	12.4	4.0
Fiji	26.7	24.1	1.7
Tonga	12.7	8.1	0.7
Nauru	2.3	0.9	0.2
Kiribati	19.7	13.0	0.8
Other Small Pacific Islands	10.0	5.8	2.2
Pacific Regional	166.6	87.0	47.8
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>888.2</b>	<b>624.9</b>	<b>174.1</b>
Indonesia	451.5	333.5	83.0
Vietnam	96.7	71.7	40.0
Philippines	75.2	25.7	5.8
Timor-Leste	71.6	77.3	17.3
Cambodia	36.1	15.2	1.6
Myanmar	67.5	40.8	6.7
Laos	29.9	25.3	8.8
Mongolia	6.9	4.7	0.2
East Asia Regional	43.5	30.7	10.8
<b>South and West Asia</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>30.4</b>
Afghanistan	51.7	21.2	3.4
Bangladesh	69.3	4.2	0.0
Sri Lanka	15.1	5.3	0.0
Nepal	14.5	9.3	8.0
Pakistan	52.4	48.6	18.4
Bhutan and the Maldives	4.7	1.4	0.5
South & West Asia Regional	13.1	9.5	
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>158.4</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Sub-Saharan Africa	106.0	31.9	2.0
North Africa & the Middle East	2.0	2.0	
Palestinian Territories	27.5	30.0	
<b>Cross Regional Programs</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>31.2</b>
<b>Total Country and Regional Program</b>	<b>2,149.3</b>	<b>1,371.1</b>	<b>309.6</b>

**Notes:**

**Data** – current at 14 July 2014.

**'Committed'** - the total of expected expenses that have contracts in place with complete schedule of payments established plus non-contracted agreements between partners (e.g. Records of Understanding).

**'Spending Proposal'** - The earlier version of this table that was provided in response to Questions on Notice number 39 from the February 2014 Senate Estimates included a column titled 'Spending Proposal' for each financial year. These figures were based on financial approvals secured according to the requirements of the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Regulations. Under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, which came into effect on 1 July 2014, there is no longer a requirement for a 'spending proposal' financial approval so the 'Spending Proposal' columns are not included above.

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### **Question No 160**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Afghanistan**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. What are the obligations of developed country governments, like Australia, under the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework? Ie – how much did Governments like Australia pledge to give?
2. Can you outline the gains that have been made via Australia and other countries involvement in assistance to Afghanistan – in particular in relation to the equality and rights of women and girls?
3. In 2012 Australia committed to increase aid to Afghanistan to \$250 million per year from 2015/16 over four years. This \$1 billion pledge was made as part of Australia's commitment to the \$16 billion pledged as part of the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework. Can you outline the decision-making process to reduce total aid to Afghanistan from last year's May Budget allocation and to withdraw funding for the Australian Federal Police contingent in Afghanistan?
4. Why do you refer to the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework on the DFAT website if the Australian Government is not willing to move towards reaching its commitments under the Framework?
5. Can you outline the other steps Australia will be taking to continue to support long-term development in Afghanistan?

### **Answer**

1. In the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework, the international community committed to provide over US\$16 billion through 2015 and to sustain support through 2017, contingent on the Afghan Government making reform progress in a number of areas. Australia, along with other donors, made commitments on the disbursement of aid, pledging to provide 50 per cent of development assistance 'on-budget' (through Afghan Government systems), and to align 80 per cent of aid with Afghan Government's national priorities.
2. The development gains made by the Australian government and the international community in Afghanistan over the past ten years have been significant. There has been a significant improvement in the opportunities and

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protection offered to Afghan women and girls. For example, the country has experienced an extensive increase in the number of girls attending school, from virtually zero under the Taliban to over 2.9 million today. Better access to health services for women has led to a marked decrease in maternal and child mortality rates, with 39 per cent of births now attended by skilled attendants, compared to 6 per cent in 2003. Afghanistan is one of the few countries in the region to achieve a critical mass of women in parliament, with women holding 28 per cent of the seats in National Parliament in the 2013 legislative session.

Australia has also specifically targeted enhancing the equality and rights of women and girls through its aid activities. For example, Australian funding, including through Save The Children's *Children of Uruzgan* project (\$35.7 million from 2012 to 2015) has contributed to:

- school construction and rehabilitation, with an increase from just 10 schools in 2001 to over 200 now, including 26 girls-only and 19 co-educational schools
- access to community-based education for 2,775 children, including 573 grade one and two girls in the most difficult to access areas
- improved maternal health care with 1,074 pregnant women receiving at least one antenatal health care visit and the training of 24 new midwives and 22 nurses
- the establishment of 113 health posts across Uruzgan, including training for one female and one male community health worker at each post
- improved literacy, with 1,223 women receiving a nine-month basic numeracy and literacy course, with the aim to become early childhood development facilitators.

Additionally, Australia's *Elimination of Violence Against Women Program in Afghanistan* (17.7 million from 2013-2016) directly supports Afghan women. In its first nine months of implementation the Program:

- funded ten Women's Protection Centres, providing shelter and support services to 1,397 women and girls, including counselling, legal, medical and rehabilitation support;
- commenced training and support across eight provinces for police and key justice sector officials on the implementation of the EVAW legislation;
- delivered education and awareness activities on the EVAW Law, women's rights through an Islamic framework and violence prevention to over 3,586 government officials, religious and community leaders, school teachers and students, and community members, and
- finalised a partnership agreement to provide \$3.3 million over three years to support the Afghan Women's Network and member organisations to strengthen their advocacy and leadership efforts on issues that impact Afghan women most, pilot a Young Women's Leadership Program to help build a new generation of women leaders in Afghanistan, and expand and strengthen women's networks across the country so Afghan women in rural and urban areas have a voice in their future.

However despite these gains, Afghan women continue to experience limited economic opportunities, minimal participation in public life and all forms of violence. Australia will continue to work with the Afghan Government and

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international community to help ensure important gains made for Afghan women since 2001 are not lost.

3. The decision to reduce Australia's aid program to Afghanistan aligned with the Government's decision to reduce planned growth in aid spending over the forward estimates to 2016-2017 and to focus the aid program on the Indo-Pacific region. Consistent with Australia's broader drawdown strategy, the Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan was always due to conclude in 2014.
4. Australia has made significant progress toward its TMAF commitments. Australia, along with other donors, pledged to provide 50 per cent of our development assistance "on-budget" (through Afghan National systems) and to align 80 per cent of our aid with the Afghan Government's national priorities. In 2013-2014, Australia met these commitments, providing 50.1 per cent on budget and 92.9 per cent in line with the Afghan Government's national priorities.
5. Australia remains committed to the post-2014 NATO 'Train, Advise and Assist' mission subject to appropriate legal arrangements. Australia has also committed to providing significant financial support to sustaining the Afghan National Security Forces (US\$100 million per year from 2015-2017). Australia will continue to deliver a substantial aid program focusing on economic growth, governance, the rights of women and girls (including through education and livelihoods), and humanitarian assistance. Australia will also continue to support international coordination in Afghanistan through our diplomatic representation in Kabul and other international forums.



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### **Question No 161**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Africa**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

1. What African countries do you consider part of the 'Indian Ocean Asia Pacific'? Please list them.
2. In the department's submission to the Inquiry into the Private Sector and Development says that the members of the Indian Ocean Rim Association form part of the Indo-Pacific. Is that correct and what countries are you referring to?

### **Answer**

For the purposes of the aid program, the Indo-Pacific refers to developing countries in the Asia-Pacific (including South and West Asia), in the Indian Ocean and those bordering the Indian Ocean in East and Southern Africa. This definition broadly aligns with key regional organisations including the Indian Ocean Rim Association, ASEAN and the Pacific Islands Forum. Countries in Africa covered by this definition include Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa.

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**Question No 162**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Mining for Development - Extractive industries**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. Please outline the future of the Mining for Development initiative and is it transitioning to 'Extractives for Growth'?
2. How will funds be allocated across each component of the continuing or redeveloped program, (eg technical advice, support to govt, training & exchange for govt officials?)
3. In the revised program going forward, how will civil society organizations that are involved in extractive industries governance issues be able to access funds from the initiative?
4. Are the Millennium Development Goals on maternal and child health and/or water and sanitation on track to be met by 2015 in Sub-Saharan Africa?
5. Given the realignment of government priorities towards extractives in Africa, what will the impact on other current programs focused on maternal and child health & water and sanitation be?
  - a. Will the Australia NGO Cooperation Program be affected by cuts or realignment?
  - b. As Sub-Saharan Africa has received a 20% funding cut in the budget, where will the savings come from within that program?
  - c. Can you then confirm that there will be no cuts at all to current programs in Africa focused on maternal and child health and water and sanitation?

**Answer**

1. Please see Question 113.
2. The 2014-15 budget allocated \$22 million to global extractives sector development initiatives. A breakdown of the budget is not yet available.

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3. A key principle of Australia's development policy & performance framework is to drive the aid program to work more with the most effective partners, irrespective of who they are. Civil society organisations will continue to be a key partner in the delivery of the aid program.
4. According to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals 2014 Progress Chart, Sub-Saharan Africa is not on track to meet the maternal and child health and/or water and sanitation MDGs by 2015.
5.
  - a. The Australia NGO Cooperation Program is funded separately to the Sub-Saharan Africa program, therefore the reduction in the size of the Sub-Saharan Africa budget and the realignment of government priorities as reflected in the sub-Saharan Africa program will not impact on the Australia NGO Cooperation Program.
  - b. We are still considering how to implement the 2014-15 budget reductions.
  - c. It is not possible to comment on funding decisions outside the 2014-15.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Africa - Agriculture**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

1. The DFAT website states agriculture is also an area for investment in Sub-Saharan Africa. What sectors will this target?
2. How will the Government's support to the agricultural sector in Sub-Saharan Africa improve or maintain the food security of small scale, rural producers – and in particular those who lead a predominantly subsistence existence?
3. Can it be confirmed small scale, rural producers will be targeted – and in particular those who lead a predominantly subsistence existence in your programs?
4. Considering in the Department's recent submission to the Inquiry into the Role of the Private Sector in Development the importance of small scale producers and interventions that are inclusive of the poorest of the poor was detailed, will subsistence and rural small scale producers benefit from the interventions you have outlined? If so how?
5. How will it be ensured this is accessible to the poorest and what other interventions will be taken?

**Answer**

1. Australia's aid investments in the agriculture sector target increased agricultural productivity and improved markets. They also aim to enhance the skills, knowledge and capacity of individuals to contribute to Africa's development. The investments target a number of stakeholders including poor rural farmers, private businesses, researchers, research institutions, governments and regional policy organisations.
2. The Government's support to the agricultural sector in Sub-Saharan Africa aims to improve food security by increasing agricultural productivity through research and the adoption of new technologies that address food availability, access and nutrition-related challenges for poor rural farmers. Other investments in the sector focus on increasing food security by boosting private sector engagement in

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agriculture, and improving the functioning of agricultural value chains and markets.

3. Yes – Australia’s interventions in sub-Saharan Africa directly and indirectly target small-scale, rural producers as well as some subsistence farmers.

4. Subsistence and rural small-scale producers will benefit from investments implemented through Australian NGOs that specifically aim to improve food security at the community level. These include programs for farmers to increase sustainable crop yields; for women farmers; and for farmers to develop strategies that reduce the impact of climate change on their livelihoods.

The Government also assists rural producers by supporting innovation and research for agricultural development, including through a partnership between the *Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)* and the *Biosciences East and Central Africa*. The partnership with CSIRO aims to increase crop and livestock productivity, develop control options for livestock diseases, and build local capacity to improve incomes and long-term food security for smallholder farmers in East and Central Africa. The Government also contributes to the *African Enterprise Challenge Fund*, a competitive multi-donor funding mechanism, to support private sector entrepreneurs in Africa to innovate and find profitable ways to improve market access and economic development of the poor, especially in rural areas.

5. The Government contributes to investments addressing protracted and recurrent food insecurity that target some of the poorest subsistence farmers. For instance, the *Hunger Safety Net Program (HSNP)* provides regular cash transfers to chronically insecure households in northern Kenya to increase household consumption of food, improve nutrition, and increase the retention of livestock assets. Australia also contributes to the private-public partnership, *Index-Based Livestock Insurance (IBLI)*, which enables Kenyan pastoralists to insure their main asset, livestock, against drought.

However, not all Australia-funded agriculture programs directly target the poorest. In order to deliver sustainable outcomes, some need to target those who have capacity to engage in economic activities. Participants are carefully selected and programs are subject to regular monitoring and evaluation through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s quality and performance mechanisms.

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### **Question No 164**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: PNG - Exxon Mobil**

### **Question in Writing**

**Senator Rhiannon**

### **Question**

An article published in The Nation on 30 April 2014, authored by US journalist Ian Shearn, contains evidence including whistle-blower testimony and an independent geological study, which suggest Exxon-Mobil was aware of considerable instability at its Tumbi quarry in Papua New Guinea and took no steps to stabilise the site or relocate surrounding communities.

1. Is this a breach of Lender Environmental and Social Requirements?
2. If so, what action will EFIC be taking in response, given the failure of Exxon, the project's Independent Environmental and Social Consultants, and the PNG government, to acknowledge or address the fatal breakdown in standards at the PNG LNG project?
3. If not, in what way is it not a breach?

### **Answer**

EFIC has previously responded on the topic of the Tumbi landslide. Please refer to QoN 56 from the 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates on 21 November 2013.

1. To ensure the Project is fulfilling its obligations, the Lenders to the Project, including EFIC engage an Independent Environmental and Social Consultant (IESC), D'Appolonia for the life of their funding. D'Appolonia assesses and monitors Project compliance with the Lender Environmental and Social Requirements and publicly reports any areas of non-conformance. D'Appolonia's reports are publicly available at [http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly\\_reports/](http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly_reports/)

There was no area of non-conformance reported by D'Appolonia in relation to the QA1 Quarry (Tumbi Quarry).

2. The Tumbi landslide occurred at a quarry previously used by a contractor working on the PNG LNG Project. Use of the quarry for the Project ceased prior to the end of September 2011 as advised in the Project's PNG LNG Quarterly Environmental and Social Report 3rd Quarter 2011. The Lender's Independent Environmental and Social Consultant (D'Appolonia) also noted

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in November 2011 that the Project “no longer operates Quarry QA1 [Tumbi Quarry]. The site is benched and slopes have been stabilized such that the quarry is safe”

(see November 2011 report section 4.5.2 available: [http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly\\_reports/previous\\_iesc\\_reports.html](http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly_reports/previous_iesc_reports.html) ).

When the landslide occurred the Project provided support to the local community and to the Government-led rescue effort.

As the area is not under Project control any investigation into the landslide is the responsibility of the PNG Government. The PNG Government National Disaster Committee (NDC) Technical Assessment Team provided advice to its Minister of its initial assessment of the Tumbi Landslide in a report dated 26th January 2012. The report identified naturally occurring geological weaknesses assisted by abnormally high rainfall as the landslide’s trigger. EFIC is not aware of any subsequent PNG Government report.

EFIC received advice from D’Appolonia on the landslide and its aftermath. D’Appolonia visited the Project following the landslide in March 2012 and their report on the visit, including commentary on the Tumbi landslide, is publicly available on the PNG LNG website at: [www.pnglng.com/quarterly\\_reports/previous\\_iesc\\_reports.html](http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly_reports/previous_iesc_reports.html)

The Project also publicly reports on its environmental and social performance. The Project report for the first three months of 2012 provides commentary on the Tumbi landslide and is publicly available at: [http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly\\_reports/previous\\_e\\_s\\_reports.html](http://www.pnglng.com/quarterly_reports/previous_e_s_reports.html)

3. See response to parts 1 and 2 above.

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**Question No 165**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many people does your department/agency currently employ?

Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:

- a) State and Territory.
- b) Age.
- c) Gender.
- d) APS level classification.
- e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).



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### Answer

#### STAFF PROFILE - By Location by gender (headcount)

	30 June 2014		
Location	Female	Male	Total APS
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>2,779</b>
<b>Overseas Post - By Regions</b>			
Americas	28	45	73
Asia			
<i>North Asia</i>	31	54	85
<i>South Asia</i>	39	46	85
<i>South East Asia</i>	112	102	214
Total Asia	182	202	384
Europe	45	50	95
Middle East and Africa	47	61	108
Multilateral <sup>1</sup>	20	29	49
New Zealand and the South Pacific	80	78	158
<b>Total Staff at Posts</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>867</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>			
Queensland	40	18	58
Victoria	63	26	89
Western Australia	31	10	41
New South Wales	59	22	81
South Australia	13	5	18
Tasmania	4	5	9
Northern Territory	5	2	7
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>3,949</b>

<sup>1</sup> Posts in this category are Geneva UN, Geneva WTO, New York UN, Paris OECD and Vienna.

<sup>2</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors. Staff numbers at posts include staff on language training, short term assignments, and in transit.

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### STAFF PROFILE - By age group (headcount)

Age Group (years)	APS by headcount	% of total
< 25	62	1.6%
25 - 29	444	11.2%
30 - 34	720	18.2%
35 - 39	675	17.1%
40 - 44	609	15.4%
45 - 49	500	12.7%
50 - 54	463	11.7%
55 - 59	280	7.1%
60 +	196	5.0%
<b>Total APS</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### STAFF PROFILE - By APS classification (headcount)

Headcount by Level	30 June 2014		
	Total	% of Staff by level	% of TOTAL workforce (APS and LES)
SES	266	6.7%	4.2%
EL2	589	14.9%	9.2%
EL1	1,307	33.1%	20.4%
APS6	620	15.7%	9.7%
BB2 (APS4/5)	1,008	25.5%	15.8%
BB1 (APS1/2/3) <sup>1</sup>	152	3.8%	2.4%
Medical Officers	7	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Total APS</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
<b>Locally Engaged Staff</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
<b>Total Workforce <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes graduates and cadets/trainees

<sup>2</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors.

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**STAFF PROFILE - By ongoing/non-ongoing (headcount)**

	<b>30 June 2014</b>	
<b>Permanency</b>	<b>By Headcount</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Ongoing staff total	3,635	92.0%
Non-ongoing staff total	102	2.6%
Long term leave <sup>1</sup>	212	5.4%
<b>Total APS staff</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Long term leave includes those on leave without pay, temporary movements, seconded to other agencies and staff covered by the Members of Parliament.

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### Question No 166

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

### Question

How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:

- a. State and Territory.
- b. Age.
- c. Gender.
- d. APS level classification.
- e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).

### Answer

DFAT employed 2,506 APS staff as of 30 June 2013 (by headcount).

- a. State and Territory.

Location	Headcount	% of staff
Canberra	1,551	61.9%
State/Territory Offices	307	12.3%
Overseas	648	25.8%
<b>Total APS staff</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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b. Age.

<b>Age group (years)</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
< 25	50	2.0%
25-29	240	9.6%
30-39	754	30.1%
40-49	724	28.9%
50-59	558	22.3%
60+	180	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

c. Gender.

<b>APS Classification Level</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
Female	1,320	52.7%
Male	1,186	47.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

d. APS level classification.

<b>APS Classification Level</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
SES	215	8.6%
EL2	354	14.1%
APS6/EL1	1,027	41.0%
BB1/2*	910	36.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Includes APS1-5 levels

e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing)

<b>APS Staff</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
Ongoing	2,397	95.6%
Non-Ongoing	109	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013?  
Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:

- a. State and Territory.
- b. Age.
- c. Gender.
- d. APS level classification.
- e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).

**Answer**

DFAT employed 2,521 APS staff as of 18 September 2013 (by headcount).

- a. State and Territory.

Location	Headcount	% of staff
Canberra	1,559	61.8%
State/Territory Offices	316	12.5%
Overseas	646	25.7%
<b>Total APS staff</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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b. Age.

<b>Age group (years)</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
< 25	43	1.7%
25-29	240	9.5%
30-39	759	30.1%
40-49	729	28.9%
50-59	571	22.6%
60+	179	7.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

c. Gender.

<b>APS Classification Level</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
Female	1,337	53.0%
Male	1,184	47.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

d. APS level classification.

<b>APS Classification Level</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
SES	212	8.4%
EL2	359	14.2%
APS6/EL1	1,037	41.1%
BB1/2*	913	36.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Includes APS1-5 levels

e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing)

<b>APS Staff</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>% of staff</b>
Ongoing	2,388	94.7%
Non-Ongoing	133	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**Question No 168**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?

**Answer**

DFAT has not transferred any of its functions between states or territories since 18 September 2013.



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**Question No 169**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following:

- a. Number of staff employed before and after the transfer,
- b. Where the function was based before and after the transfer.

**Answer**

The department has not transferred any of its functions between states or territories since 18 September 2013.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 170**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For each employee transferred please provide the followings:

- a. Their age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. Their APS classification.
- d. The wage of the employee before and after the transfer.
- e. The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer.
- f. A description of their position before and after the transfer.
- g. The dates of their transfer.
- h. An explanation for why the employee was transferred.
- i. Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra.

Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer

**Answer**

The department has not transferred any of its functions between states or territories since 18 September 2013.

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**Question No 171**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency?

- a. How many of these positions were ongoing?
- b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

The department's approach to reducing its workforce by approximately 500 positions will be met through a combination of voluntary redundancies and natural attrition. The department has invited employees to express interest in voluntary redundancy and offers are being made progressively.

At the 30 June 2014, 206 ongoing APS employees based in Canberra had separated through voluntary redundancy with a suitable position at the same classification being abolished following their separation.

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**Question No 172**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed?

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Refer to response to question 171.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies?

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Refer to response to question 171.

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**Question No 174**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many accepted voluntary redundancies?

- a) How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Refer to response to question 171.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Refer to response to question 171.

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### **Question No 176**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

### **Question**

For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:

- a. Their age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. The APS classification level of their position.
- e. Their wage.
- f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).
- g. Where they were located.
- h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).
- i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.
- j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.

### **Answer**

A total of 272 employees have accepted voluntary redundancies to 30/6/2014. For privacy reasons, individual details are not provided.

a)

<b>Age-group</b>	<b>No. of Staff</b>
20 <30	18
30<40	57
40<50	43
50<60	99
60<70	55

b) 169 female and 103 male.



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c) Given the large number of redundancies it is not possible to provide individual job descriptions for each. The officers taking redundancy came from all areas across the department.

d) and e)

<b>Classification levels</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Salary Range</b>
SES Band 3	2	\$255,232 - \$304,452
SES Band 2	4	\$207,097 - \$224,071
SES Band 1	12	\$161,096 - \$177,457
BB4/EL2	41	\$116,611 - \$131,700
EL1	110	\$96,524 - \$107,970
APS6	49	\$77,511 - \$87,154
BB2/APS4/APS5	50	\$63,755 - \$75,122
BB1/APS1/APS2/APS3	4	\$39,688 - \$62,012

f) All staff were employed on an Ongoing basis.

g) Canberra – 232  
Other Australian locations – 17  
Overseas Posts – 23

h) Redundancy payments to 30/6/2014 totalled \$22,618,900 which included \$8,440,600 paid out as entitlements (annual leave and long service leave).

i) To assist the department to reduce staff numbers in order to provide efficiencies from the newly merged agencies.

j) There were no other costs incurred by the department because of voluntary redundancies offered and accepted by staff.

k) The voluntary redundancy program was launched in November 2013 and further calls for expressions of interest were made in April 2014 and June 2014.

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**Program: DFAT**

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**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For all employees who were redeployed please provide:

- a. Their age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position before and after redeployment.
- d. The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment.
- e. Their wage before and after redeployment.
- f. Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment.
- g. Where they were located before and after redeployment.
- h. Please provide the reason for the redeployment.
- i. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment.
- j. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

Not applicable. Refer to response to question 171.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Program: DFAT**

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**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:

- a. Their age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. The APS classification level of their position.
- e. Their wage at retrenchment.
- f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).
- g. Where they were located.
- h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).
- i. The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.
- j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 181**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?

**Answer**

DFAT has extended 85 non-ongoing APS contracts since 18 September 2013.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?

**Answer**

The revised guidelines for APS recruitment issued by the APSC require extensions of non-ongoing APS contracts to be approved by the department's Secretary. In line with these guidelines, DFAT's Secretary approved 81 non-ongoing contract extensions between 1 November 2013 and 30 June 2014.

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**Question No 183**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?

**Answer**

The extension of non-ongoing APS contracts in the department were approved by the Secretary in line with APSC recruitment guidelines.



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**Question No 184**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For every approved extension please provide the following details:

- a. The employees age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. Their APS classification level.
- e. Their wage.
- f. Where they are located.
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
- h. The length of the approved extension.
- i. The reason why the extension was submitted.
- j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC.
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

To provide this information would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified. It would also engage the department's privacy obligations to employees.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 185**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?

**Answer**

The extensions of non-ongoing APS contracts were approved by the Secretary in line with APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 186**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For every rejected extension please provide the following details:

- a. The employee's age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. Their wage.
- e. Where they were located.
- f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
- g. The length of the extension sought by the department/agency.
- h. The reason why the extension was submitted.
- i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC.
- j. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

Not applicable. No non-ongoing APS recruitment extensions were rejected by the APSC.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 187**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?

**Answer**

Extensions of non-ongoing APS contracts made between 18 September 2013 and 1 November 2013 were not subject to APSC recruitment guidelines. Since 1 November 2013 all extensions of non-ongoing APS contracts in the department were approved by the Secretary in line with APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 188**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:

- a. The employee's age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. Their wage.
- e. Their position's APS level classification.
- f. Where they were located.
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
- h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency.
- i. The reason why the extension was granted.
- j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?
- k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.
- l. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

Not applicable. Refer to response to question 187.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 189**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?

**Answer**

Since 18 September 2013, to date, there have been 153 cessations of non-ongoing contracts.

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**Question No 190**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:

- a. The employee's age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. Their wage.
- e. Their position's APS level classification.
- f. Where they were located.
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
- h. The reason why the extension was not sought for their position.
- i. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer**

To provide this information would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified. It would also engage the department's privacy obligations to employees.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 191**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?*

**Answer**

Since 18 September 2013, to date, DFAT has engaged 46 new non-ongoing APS employees.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 192**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?*

**Answer**

The revised guidelines for APS recruitment issued by the APSC, which took effect on 31 October 2013, require engagement of employees on APS contracts to be approved by the department's Secretary. In line with these guidelines, DFAT's Secretary has approved 14 non-ongoing contract engagements between 1 November 2013 and 30 June 2014. Non-ongoing APS engagements made between 18 September and 1 November 2013 were not subject to the APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 193**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?*

**Answer**

Refer to question on notice 192.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 194**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Their wage.*
- e. Where their position is located.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates*

**Answer**

To provide this information would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified. It would also engage the department's privacy obligations to employees.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 195**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

None. All new non-ongoing APS engagements since 1 November 2013 were approved by the Secretary, in line with APSC recruitment guidelines. Non-ongoing APS engagements made between 18 September 2013 and 1 November 2013 were not subject to APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 196**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Where their position is located.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates*

**Answer**

Not applicable. Refer to response to question 195.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 197**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

All engagements of new non-ongoing APS employees in the department since 1 November 2013 were approved by the Secretary in line with APSC recruitment guidelines. They did not require APSC approval. New engagements of non-ongoing APS employees made between 18 September and 1 November 2013 were not subject to APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 198**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:

- a. Their age.
- b. Their gender.
- c. A description of their position.
- d. Their wage.
- e. Where their position is located.
- f. Their position's APS level classification.
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
- j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.
- k. Please provide all relevant dates

**Answer**

Not applicable. Refer to response to question 197.

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**Question No 199**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing - Contract extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?

**Answer**

Since 18 September 2013, to date, DFAT has engaged 146 new ongoing APS employees, including 62 new engagements; 22 permanent transfers and 11 temporary transfers from other agencies; and 51 machinery of government transfers.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 200**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

**Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?**

**Answer**

The revised guidelines for APS recruitment issued by the APSC require agencies to request permission from the APS Commissioner prior to advertising vacancies. The department's Secretary exercises the authority to engage ongoing APS employees. In line with this framework the department has not submitted any engagements of ongoing employees to the Public Service Commission for approval.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 201**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Refer to response to question 200.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 202**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details:***

- a. Their age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Their wage.***
- e. Where their position is located.***
- f. Their position's APS level classification.***
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.***
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.***
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.***
- j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.***

***Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

To provide this information would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified. It would also engage the department's privacy obligations to employees.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 203**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

None. Refer to response to question 200.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 204**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Where their position is located.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.*

*Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable. Refer to response to question 200.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 205**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable. All new engagements of APS employees since 1 November 2013 have been approved by the Secretary in line with APSC recruitment guidelines.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 206**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:***

- a. Their age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Where their position is located.***
- e. Their wage.***
- f. Their position's APS level classification.***
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.***
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.***
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.***
- j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission.***
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

Not applicable. See response to question 205.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

**Question No 207**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

### Question

*How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:*

- a. State and Territory.*
- b. Age.*
- c. Gender.*
- d. APS level classification.*
- e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).*

### Answer

Note: Efic is not an APS body and as such, APS classifications are do not apply to Efic staff.

As a 30 June 2014 the number of staff employed by Efic is 97, the breakdown is as follows:

State	No.	Gender		Age					SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract Type	
		F	M	20	30	40	50	60			Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	89	46	47	9	29	28	23	0	8	81	88	1
WA	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
QLD	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
VIC	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 208**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013?  
Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:*

- a. State and Territory.*
- b. Age.*
- c. Gender.*
- d. APS level classification.*
- e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).*

**Answer**

Efic is not an APS body, as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

The total number of staff employed by Efic as at 30 June 2013 was 88 the breakdown is as follows.

State	No.	Gender		Age					SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract Type	
		F	M	20	30	40	50	60			Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	87	40	46	6	29	26	24	1	7	79	83	3
WA	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

### Question No 209

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

### Question

*How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:*

- a. State and Territory.*
- b. Age.*
- c. Gender.*
- d. APS level classification.*
- e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).*

### Answer

Efic is not an APS body, as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

As at 18 September 2013 Efic employed a total of 90 staff, the breakdown is as follows:

State	No.	Gender		Age					SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract Type	
		F	M	20	30	40	50	60			Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	89	40	48	6	30	27	24	1	7	81	86	2
WA	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
QLD	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 210**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 211**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following:*

- a. Number of staff employed before and after the transfer,*
- b. Where the function was based before and after the transfer.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 212**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For each employee transferred please provide the followings:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. Their APS classification.*
- d. The wage of the employee before and after the transfer.*
- e. The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer.*
- f. A description of their position before and after the transfer.*
- g. The dates of their transfer.*
- h. An explanation for why the employee was transferred.*
- i. Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra.*
- j. Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 213**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency?*

- a. How many of these positions were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

One position was made redundant.

- a. One
- b. Nil
- c. Nil

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 214**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

Nil

- a. Not applicable
- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 215**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

Nil.

- a. Not applicable
- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 216**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many accepted voluntary redundancies?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 217**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 218**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. The APS classification level of their position.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).*
- g. Where they were located.*
- h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).*
- i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.*
- j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 219**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For all employees who were redeployed please provide:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position before and after redeployment.*
- d. The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment.*
- e. Their wage before and after redeployment.*
- f. Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment.*
- g. Where they were located before and after redeployment.*
- h. Please provide the reason for the redeployment.*
- i. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment.*
- j. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 220**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

There was 1 involuntary redundancy.

- a. 1
- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable

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**Question No 221**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?*

- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
- c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*

**Answer**

Nil.

- a. not applicable
- b. not applicable
- c. not applicable

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**Question No 222**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. The APS classification level of their position.*
- e. Their wage at retrenchment.*
- f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).*
- g. Where they were located.*
- h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).*
- i. The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.*
- j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

- a. 50-60.
- b. Male
- c. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, a position description cannot be provided.
- d. Non-SES equivalent
- e. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, wage at retrenchment cannot be provided.
- f. Ongoing
- g. NSW

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- h. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, details pertaining to pay out and entitlements cannot be provided.
- i. Reorganisation of business structure
- j. Outplacement fee \$5,455.00
- k. Term of employment: March 2008 to May 2014.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 223**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?*

**Answer**

Nil.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 224**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 225**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 226**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every approved extension please provide the following details:***

- a. The employees age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Their APS classification level.***
- e. Their wage.***
- f. Where they are located.***
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.***
- h. The length of the approved extension.***
- i. The reason why the extension was submitted.***
- j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC.***
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 227**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 228**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every rejected extension please provide the following details:***

- a. The employee's age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Their wage.***
- e. Where they were located.***
- f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.***
- g. The length of the extension sought by the department/agency.***
- h. The reason why the extension was submitted.***
- i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC.***
- j. Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 229**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 230**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:***

- a. The employee's age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Their wage.***
- e. Their position's APS level classification.***
- f. Where they were located.***
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.***
- h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency.***
- i. The reason why the extension was granted.***
- j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?***
- k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.***
- l. Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.



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**Question No 231**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?*

**Answer**

One.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 232**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

***For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:***

- a. The employee's age.***
- b. Their gender.***
- c. A description of their position.***
- d. Their wage.***
- e. Their position's APS level classification.***
- f. Where they were located.***
- g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.***
- h. The reason why the extension was not sought for their position.***
- i. Please provide all relevant dates.***

**Answer**

- a. 30-40.
- b. Male
- c. Due to ability to identify the individual from this information, position description cannot be provided
- d. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, the wage cannot be provided
- e. Non-SES equivalent
- f. NSW
- g. Non APS
- h. Position no longer required – end of contract
- i. Term of original contract November 2009- December 2010.  
Contract extended eight times over the period January 2011 to June 2013.  
Contract expired: October 2013.

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**Question No 233**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?*

**Answer**

1.

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**Question No 234**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 235**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 236**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Their wage.*
- e. Where their position is located.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 237**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 238**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Where their position is located.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates*

**Answer**

Not applicable.



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**Question No 239**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 240**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Their wage.*
- e. Where their position is located.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 241**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?*

**Answer**

18.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 242**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 243**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Air Transport Agreement between Australia and United States**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

- A. *In the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America, the terms “principal place of business” and “substantial ownership and effective control” are both used in relation to the designation of international airlines. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) provides guidance on these terms in ICAO Document 9626, the Manual on the Regulation of International Air Transport, on pages 4.4-5 and 4.4-2 respectively. Noting the involvement of DIRD, to what extent is DFAT consulted to ensure that our treaty obligations are met?***
- B. *In meeting our treaty obligations under this Air Transport Agreement, does DFAT consider the overriding test for designation of Australian international airlines to be based on “substantial ownership and effective control” in accordance with Article 3(2)(a) or “principal place of business” in accordance with Article 1(4)?***
- C. *In meeting our treaty obligations under this and other Air Transport Agreements that require “substantial ownership and effective control” to be vested in Australian “nationals”, does DFAT interpret “effective control” by “nationals” as being defined in relation to ownership or to the executive management/board of directors?***
- D. *In meeting our treaty obligations under this Air Transport Agreement, does DFAT consider that Article 8(7) removes any “substantial ownership and effective control” or “principal place of business” restrictions on any airline of any nationality providing wet leased operations to the designated airline?***

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**Answer**

- A. DFAT has reviewed its records and has not identified any request for advice on Australia's treaty obligations under the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America which entered into force on 18 June 2013 (Agreement). The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is responsible for administering the Agreement.
- B. A review of DFAT's records indicates that DFAT has not had to consider the legal issues raised by this question.
- C. A review of DFAT's records indicates that DFAT has not had to consider the legal issues raised by this question.
- D. A review of DFAT's records indicates that DFAT has not had to consider the legal issues raised by this question.

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**Question No 244**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 245**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Their wage.*
- e. Where their position is located.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 246**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 247**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Where their position is located.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 248**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 249**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Extensions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Lundy**

**Question**

*For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:*

- a. Their age.*
- b. Their gender.*
- c. A description of their position.*
- d. Where their position is located.*
- e. Their wage.*
- f. Their position's APS level classification.*
- g. The length of their ongoing contract.*
- h. Whether their position was advertised externally.*
- i. The reason for engaging this new employee.*
- j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission.*
- k. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 250**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Appointments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Write question here in bold italics.*

- 1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.*
- 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?*
- 3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.*
- 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.*
- 5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail t*

**Answer**

1. Appointments to each board made from Additional Estimates in in February 2014 to 6 June are listed below.
2. The gender ratio for each board is listed below. As at 6 June 2014, the gender ratio for boards across the portfolio was 41.83 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

Australia Awards

1. The tenure of the Australia Awards Board expired in May 2013. The future role of the board will be determined in the context of the government's policy directions related to the New Colombo Plan and other Australian Government Scholarships.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia Awards will be determined when new members are appointed.

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#### Australia-China Council

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia-China Council at 6 June 2014 was 57.1 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australia India Council

1. One new board member appointment was made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014. The new member is Mr Ashok Jacob, who was appointed as Chair on 14 April 2014 for a five year term.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia India Council at 6 June was 66.7 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australia-Indonesia Institute

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia-Indonesia Institute at 6 June 2014 was 20 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australia International Cultural Council

The Australia International Cultural Council is under consideration.

#### Australia-Japan Foundation

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia Japan foundation at 6 June 2014 was 42.9 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australia Korea Foundation

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.
2. The gender ratio of the Australia Korea Foundation at 6 June 2014 was 50 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australia-Malaysia Institute

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

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2. The gender ratio of the Australia-Malaysia Institute 6 June 2014 was 50 per cent female (not including ex-officio).

#### Australia-Thailand Institute

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the Australia-Thailand Institute at 6 June 2014 was 50 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Commission for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR Commission)

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the ACIAR Commission at 6 June 2014 was 50 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Policy Advisory Council

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the ACIAR Policy Advisory Council at 6 June 2014 was 18.2 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Australian National Commission for UNESCO

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO at 6 June 2014 was 42.9 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Council for Australian-Arab Relations

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the Council for Australian-Arab Relations at 6 June 2014 was 42.9 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR)

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014. One ex-officio appointment (Mr Scott Evans,

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Branch Manager, Europe, Americas and Multilateral Branch, International Group, Department of Education, was appointed on 1 May 2014, replacing Ms Di Wedell).

2. The gender ratio of the Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR) at 6 June 2014 was 37.5 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Editorial Advisory Board

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the Editorial Advisory Board at 6 June 2014 was 42.9 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)

1. No new board member appointments were made from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014.

2. The gender ratio of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) at 6 June 2014 was 37.5 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### New Colombo Plan Reference Group

1. Fifteen members have been appointed to the New Colombo Plan Reference Group from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014. Members were appointed on 1 April initially for a term of three years. Members are:

Mr Peter Varghese, AO (Chair) Mr Kevin McCann AM (Co-Vice Chair), Professor Sandra Harding (Co-Vice Chair), Mr Bill Scales AO, Ms Krishna Sen, The Hon Warwick Smith AM, Ms Vicki Thomson, Professor Paul Wellings CBE, Mr Tom Williams, Professor Kent Anderson, Ms Suzette Corr, Mr Robert Griew (ex-officio), Mr Trevor Goddard, The Hon Phil Honeywood, Mr Rob Malicki

2. The gender ratio of the New Colombo Plan Reference Group at 6 June was 30.8 per cent female (not including ex-officio members).

#### Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council (TIPAC)

1. Twenty members have been appointed to the Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council (TIPAC) from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 6 June 2014. Members were appointed on 30 May initially for a term of two years. Members are:

Mr Yasushi Takahashi, Mr Mark Chiba, Mr Alex Harvey, Ms Robin Chambers AO, Ms Philippa Purser, Ms Alison Watkins, Ms Joy Linton, Mr Mauro Balzarini, Mr David Knox, Mr Roy Krzywosinski, Mr Peter O'Brien, Mr Rowan Craigie, Mr Graham



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Burke, Professor Sandra Harding , Ms Claire Field, Mr Mehrdad Baghai, Mr Paul Espie, Mr Ashok Jacob, Ms Colette Garnsey, and Mr Jason Yeap OAM.

2. The gender ratio of the Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council (TIPAC) at 6 June was 30 per cent (not including ex-officio members).

### Tourism Australia Board

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 20 from Austrade)

### Tourism Quality Council of Australia

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 20 from Austrade)

### Tourism Research and Advisory Board

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 20 from Austrade)

3. Yes, the department has a gender ratio target policy. The target is 40 per cent. The policy is the same across the department. The department will:

- To strongly consider new appointments rather than re-appointments
- Use Boardlinks
- Involve the Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls early in the selection process for new Board members
- Use other appropriate databases to seek out appropriate nominees
- Consider all women who are suitably experienced and qualified

4. The gender ratio policy was put in place in December 2012 and updated in July 2013.

5. No

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 251**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting?***
- 2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting?***

**Answer**

1. The Department does not have, and is not required to maintain, a list including all interactions with individual lobbyists listed on the Register of Lobbyists maintained by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. Details of meetings attended by Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary are a question for Ministers or Parliamentary Secretary.

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**Question No 252**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.***
- 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.***
- 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s?  
Please detail.***

**Answer**

1. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014
2. Commencement Date – 22 July 2011  
Nominal Expiry Date – 30 June 2014
3. As at 11 July 2014, DFAT has not commenced bargaining and is seeking the requisite approvals for a proposed bargaining position.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 253**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staff Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many people does your department employ?**
- 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?**
- 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?**
- 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?**
- 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?**
- 6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?**
- 7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?**
- 8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013**
- 9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?**
- 10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.**
- 11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.**
- 12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.**
- 13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.**

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- 14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.**
- 15. For every transferred employee please provide an explanation for their transfer?**
- 16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?**
- 17. Please provide all relevant dates.**

### Answer

1. At 30 June 2014, DFAT employed 3,949 APS staff.
2. The number of pre-integration DFAT staff (by headcount) employed as at 30 June 2013 are reflected in tables 1, 2 and 3.

Table 1: By location and gender (headcount)

By Location and Gender	Female	Male	Total APS
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,551</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>			
Queensland	43	18	61
Victoria	65	27	92
Western Australia	31	6	37
New South Wales	62	20	82
South Australia	14	5	19
Tasmania	5	2	7
Northern Territory	8	1	9
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1,858</b>

<sup>1</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff or non-payroll contractors.

Table 2: By location and age (headcount)

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By Location and Age (years)	<25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>					
Queensland	2	14	13	26	6
Victoria	8	23	22	27	12
Western Australia	1	13	7	14	2
New South Wales	3	20	22	23	14
South Australia	1	4	3	6	5
Tasmania	0	4	2	1	0
Northern Territory	0	3	2	4	0
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>139</b>

Table 3: By location and APS classification (headcount)

Headcount as at 30 June 2013								
Division	Canberra	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia
Americas and Africa Division	32							
Australian Passport Office	147	72	6	52	14	4	85	29
Australian Safeguards & Non-Proliferation Office	16							
Corporate Management Division	213							
Consular and Public Diplomacy and Parliamentary Affairs Division	103							
Executive Planning and Evaluation Branch	65							
Europe Division	25							
Free Trade Agreement Division	38							
International Organisations and Legal Division	94							
Information Management and Technology Division	195							
International Security Division	48							
North Asia Division	31							
Overseas Property Office	41							
Office of Trade Negotiations	68							
Pacific Division	30			2				
South East Asia Division	44							
South and West Asia and Middle East Division	39							1
Corporate Overheads	264	1		1				
Trade and Economic Policy Division	58	9	3	6	5	3	7	7
<b>Total APS staff<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>37</b>

<sup>1</sup> Corporate Overheads includes staff on long term leave, leave without pay, language training, staff in transit to/from post, temporary movements, seconded to other agencies and staff covered by the Me

<sup>2</sup> All staff numbers are based on Australia locations only at snapshot date of 30 June 2013. Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff or non-payroll contractors.

3. The number of DFAT staff (by headcount) employed as at 30 June 2014 are reflected in tables 1, 2 and 3.

Table 1: By location and gender (headcount)

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By Location and Gender	Female	Male	Total APS
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>2,779</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>			
Queensland	40	18	58
Victoria	63	26	89
Western Australia	31	10	41
New South Wales	59	22	81
South Australia	13	5	18
Tasmania	4	5	9
Northern Territory	5	2	7
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>3,082</b>

<sup>1</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors.

Table 2: By location and age (headcount)

By Location and Age (years)	<25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>					
Queensland	2	16	10	24	6
Victoria	8	20	24	26	11
Western Australia	2	14	11	12	2
New South Wales	2	20	18	27	14
South Australia	0	5	2	5	6
Tasmania	0	5	3	1	0
Northern Territory	2	0	2	1	2
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>154</b>

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Table 3: By location and APS classification (headcount)

By Location and Age (years)	SES	EL2	EL1	APS6	BB2	BB1
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>						
Queensland	0	1	5	5	43	4
Victoria	1	2	5	4	65	12
Western Australia	0	5	3	4	25	4
New South Wales	1	3	6	3	56	12
South Australia	0	1	2	0	12	3
Tasmania	0	1	1	1	6	0
Northern Territory	0	0	2	0	4	1
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>151</b>

4. DFAT has not transferred any functions between states or territories since the 2013 election.
5. Nil.
6. Nil.
7. Immediately prior to the 2013 election, DFAT employed 2,525 APS staff and AusAID employed 1,724 APS staff.
8. Nil.
9. Nil.
10. Nil.
11. Nil.
12. Nil.
13. Nil.
14. Nil.
15. Nil.
16. Nil.
17. Nil.



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**Question No 254**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?**
  - a. How many of these positions were ongoing?**
  - b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?**
  - c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?**
- 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?**
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?**
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?**
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?**
- 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?**
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?**
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?**
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?**
- 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?**
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?**
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?**
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?**
- 5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?**
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?**

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- b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*
- 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:**
- a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.*
  - b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).*
  - c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.*
  - d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.*
  - e. Please provide all relevant dates.*
- 7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:**
- a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.*
  - b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.*
  - c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.*
  - d. Please provide all relevant dates.*
- 8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?**
- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*
- 9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?**
- a. How many of these employees were ongoing?*
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?*
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?*
- 10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:**

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- a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located.*
- b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).*
- c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.*
- d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.*
- e. Please provide all relevant dates.*

**Answer**

1-5. The department's approach to reducing its workforce by approximately 500 positions will be met through a combination of voluntary redundancies and natural attrition. The department has invited employees to express interest in voluntary redundancy and offers are being made progressively.

At the 30 June 2014, 206 ongoing APS employees based in Canberra had separated through voluntary redundancy with a suitable position at the same classification being abolished following their separation. Internal employee movements combined with employees separating through voluntary redundancy will result in divisions reducing to their resource allocation by July 2015.

6-7. The required level of detail cannot be provided due to the department's privacy obligations to its employees.

8. Nil.

9. N/A.

10. N/A

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**Question No 255**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Hiring**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?**
- 2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?**
- 3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?**
- 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?**
- 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?**
  - a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.**
- 6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?**
  - a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.**
- 7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?**
  - a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of**

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*their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.*

8. *How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?*
  - a. *For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.*
9. *How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?*
10. *How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?*
11. *How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?*
  - a. *For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.*
12. *How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?*
  - a. *For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.*
13. *How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?*
  - a. *For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was*

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*advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.*

- 14. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?**
- 15. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?**
- 16. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?**
  - a) For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.**
- 17. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?**
  - a) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.**
- 18. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?**
  - a) For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.**

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**Answer**

1. At 30 June 2014 the department had 102 APS staff on non-ongoing contracts.
2. At 30 June 2014 the department had 3847 ongoing APS staff.
- 3-18. Refer to responses to questions 181 to 206.

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**Question No 256**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Existing Resources Program**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?***
- 2. List each project or piece of work***
- 3. List the staffing assigned to each task***
- 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?***
- 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?***

**Answer**

The department regularly adjusts resource levels across the department according to the Government's priorities, international events, and in response to consular emergencies.



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**Question No 257**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Since 7 September 2013:***

- 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?***
- 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?***
- 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?***
- 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?***
- 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?***
- 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?***
- 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?***
- 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?***
- 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?***

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### **Answer**

1. The Department's standard contract terms and conditions do not contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy.
2. N/A
3. The Department's standard agreement terms and conditions do not contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy. Following promulgation of the *Not for Profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Act 2013 (Cth)*, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is examining existing agreements to ensure they comply with current legislation.
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. N/A
9. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not aware of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary having met with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements.

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**Question No 258**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Reviews**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:**
  - a) the date they were ordered**
  - b) the date they commenced**
  - c) the minister responsible**
  - d) the department responsible**
  - e) the nature of the review**
  - f) their terms of reference**
  - g) the scope of the review**
  - h) Whom is conducting the review**
  - i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review**
  - j) the expected report date**
  - k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs**
  - l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public**
- 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?**
  - a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names**
  - b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent**
  - c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item**
  - d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement**
  - e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.**

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*f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them*

*g) If yes, for each, who selected them*

*h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,*

*i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was*

*ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list*

*iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur*

*iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department*

*v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur*

**3. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going?**

*a) Please list them.*

*b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?*

**4. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.**

**5. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.**

**6. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.**

**7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?**

**8. What reviews are planned?**

*a) When will each planned review be commenced?*

*b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?*

*c) When will government respond to each review?*

*d) Will the government release each review?*

*i. If so, when? If not, why not?*

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### Answer

1. Three new reviews have commenced since Additional Estimates in February 2014  
Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES) Mid Term Review
  - a. 18 June 2013
  - b. 25 September 2013
  - c. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - d. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - e. Independent evaluation of a civil society program at its midpoint.
  - f. The purpose of MTR is to make an assessment of how AACES is tracking against its objectives, identify gaps and areas for improvement.
  - g. To assess how the program was tracking against its objectives and to identify gaps and areas for improvement for the remaining two years. Consultants were provided access to relevant documentation produced by the Australian NGOs and conducted in-depth reviews of three projects in Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The consultants presented initial findings at a workshop in Uganda attended by DFAT staff and NGO partners.
  - h. John Winter Consultancy Ltd and Praxis Consultants Pty Ltd
  - i. 1 APS5 officer
  - j. 27 June 2014
  - k. budgeted costs \$236,360 (final invoices not yet submitted)
1. The report will be made public on the DFAT website when the management response has been finalised with partners.  
Australia Awards-Africa Program: Review of development contributions of Alumni in six African countries
  - a. January 2014
  - b. February 2014
  - c. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - d. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - e. Qualitative research. The purpose of the review was to provide illustrations and/or evidence of Australia Awards' contribution to African development through the work of alumni
  - f. Two evaluative questions will be addressed in the study. These are:
    - i. To what extent are alumni contributing to the development of their home country or their region? To what extent have they strengthened the capacity of their organisations to contribute to the development of their country or their region?
    - ii. To what extent are Alumni and institutions maintaining links with Australia and networking with other Awardees? What happened as a result of the links?
  - g. The review team, two independent consultants, two GRM staff, and a DFAT staff member consulted with 78 Alumni and 70 other stakeholders working in governance, health, mining and agriculture sectors in South Africa,

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Botswana, Zambia, Kenya, Ghana and Madagascar over the period 10 March – 4 April 2014. They sought to understand the results of the program from the perspective of those most closely associated with it, Alumni, their supervisors and associates, and then to clarify outcomes achieved at the individual, organisational, and societal levels.

- h. GRM International (under the auspices of the Australia Awards in Africa project) in conjunction with DFAT Pretoria
- i. One DFAT officer (EL1)
- j. 8 June 2014
- k. Budget estimate of AUD \$162,000. This does not include the costs of the GRM staff or DFAT staff involved in the review.
- l. The report will be published on the Australia Awards in Africa website.

#### Internal review of IMD

- a. 14 April 2014
- b. 5 May 2014
- c. N/A
- d. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- e. An internal review of Information Management and Technology Division (IMD)
- f. Review the experience of the current IMD model in delivering major new ICT projects, upgrades of current ICT systems and enhanced service delivery for DFAT IT users at post and in Canberra.
- g. The scope of the review included interviews with internal and external stakeholders, research and analysis and production of a report.
- h. The review was conducted by independent consultant David Ritchie and KPMG consultant John Jeston.
- i. No DFAT officers were involved in the conduct of the review.
- j. The review team reported to the Secretary on 13 June 2014.
- k. Total project costs were \$94,184.
- l. As it is an internal review, the report will neither be tabled in Parliament nor made public.

#### 2. AACES Mid Term Review

- a. Four consultants were contracted to conduct this review John Winter (Team Leader), Rosalind David (Civil Society Specialist) Anna Roche (Value for Money Specialist) and Chris Roche (Value for Money Expert).
- b. John Winter (John Winter Consultants Ltd) lead the team however the other team members are managed by Praxis Consultancy Pty Ltd.
- c. The consultants were paid advisor costs, management fees and reimbursable costs for field work.
  - i. John Winter (team leader) daily advisor fee AUD \$853 for 80 days work, a 4 per cent management fee AUD \$2,730 and reimbursable costs up to AUD \$46,230.

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- ii. Praxis Consultant Pty Ltd were paid a 25 per cent management fee AUD \$15,174 and the team's reimbursable costs were up to AUD \$43,790.
- iii. Rosalind David daily advisor fee AUD \$853 for 50 days work
- iv. Anna Roche daily advisor fee AUD \$525 for 23 days work
- v. Chris Roche daily advisor fee AUD \$853 for 7 days work.
- d. John Winter a monitoring and evaluation expert lead the team, Rosalind David provided civil society expertise, Anna Roche conducted the value for money component of the review and Chris Roche, a value for money expert provided guidance.
- e. No.
- f. None
- g. Three quotes were sought from the Aid Advisor Service Standing Offers. John Winter and Praxis Consultants were selected through an assessment process by a panel made up of DFAT Canberra and Nairobi Post and a representative from the Australian NGOs.

h. No

#### Australia Awards-Africa Program: Review of development contributions of Alumni in six African countries

- a. Two consultants were hired to lead this study: Stephen Morrow (Team Leader) and Ty Morrissey (Team member). Other team members: Adriana Abreu-Combs, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist and Ngoni Chipato, M&E Officer at GRM-Australia Awards and Frank Thompson, DFAT Pretoria
- b. Consultants were managed by Adriana Abreu-Combs, M&E Specialist, GRM International. The Group Managing Director is Mr Kim Bredhauer.
- c. AUD \$162,020.00, including a \$110,890 consultancy fee (the remainder disbursements). This does not include costs of GRM staff or DFAT staff involved. Each consultant's daily rate was \$853 for approximately 60 days each. For field work they received per diem and we covered all costs related to their travel for field work.
- d. To lead the study
- e. No
- f. None
- g. Consultants were selected from those available on the Education Resource Facility (ERF). CVs and recommendations provided by GRM (for Ty Morrissey); The Australian Embassy in Pretoria identified Stephen Morrow.

h. No

#### Internal Review of IMD

- a. David A Ritchie; KPMG
- b. David A Ritchie is an independent consultant  
KPMG in Australia's National Board members are:
  - i. Peter Nash, Chairman
  - ii. Gary Wingrove, CEO

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- iii. Andrew Dickinson, Partner
  - iv. Denise McComish, Partner
  - v. Liz Forsyth, Partner
  - vi. Angus Reynolds, Partner
  - vii. Michelle Hinchliffe, Partner
  - viii. David Linke, Partner
  - ix. Ian Jedlin, Partner.
- c. Total project costs were \$94,184.
- d. David A Ritchie – review project director  
KPMG consultant John Jeston – review project manager.
- e. David A Ritchie – no  
KPMG has employees who conduct lobbying activities on behalf of certain clients. John Jeston is not listed on the lobbyist register.
- f. The Minister for Foreign Affairs has not had contact with either of the service providers in the context of this internal review.
- g. The consultants were selected by the First Assistant Secretary, Corporate Management Division.
- h. No.
3. Consular Strategy 2014-2016 – \$14,922 (inclusive of GST)
4. None
5. The following reviews have been completed:
- a. An internal review of the Australian Passports Legislation – \$44,172.13 (excluding GST);
  - b. The review of aid performance benchmarks was finalised with the launch of a new performance framework for the Australian aid program on 18 June 2014 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - c. The internal review of Information Management and Technology Division concluded on 30 June 2014;
  - d. Review of Australia's membership of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) – provided to portfolio Ministers on 25 March 2014;
  - e. The *Mid Term Review of the International Mining for Development Centre* – provided to Government on 4 June 2014; and
  - f. Assessment of the PNG Aid program – conducted internally and provided to the Government on 5 May 2014
6. See answer to question 5
7. In relation to Australia's membership of the UNWTO, the review has been provided to the relevant Ministers who have responded to it.  
The Government is currently considering the Mid Term Review of the International Mining for Development Centre. It will respond to it in due course  
The Foreign Minister discussed the PNG Aid Assessment's findings with the Government of PNG during her visit to PNG on 8 May. Details of the outcomes of the assessment will be released publicly after formal agreement by both governments
8. None



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### Question No 259

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Computers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

- 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used*
- 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location*
- 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.*

### Answer

1. Currently DFAT supply computers to Ministerial offices in Canberra, Perth, Melbourne and Mt Gravatt. The cost of a desktop is \$1,223.00 ex GST. Computers are provided for the 27 staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act and 5 Departmental Liaison Officers employed by DFAT.

2. The baseline ICT service package provided to DFAT staff consists of a desktop computer, 22" monitor and desk phone. This is a standard offering to all staff and is not determined by classification.

<b>Device</b>	<b>Cost per device</b>
Standard desktop (pc plus monitor)	\$1,223.00 ex GST
Desktop phone	\$331 (Exclusive GST)
Standard laptop	\$1595.30 (Exclusive GST)
Lightweight laptop	\$2151.80 (Exclusive GST)
iPad	\$749 (Exclusive GST)

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**Note:** All equipment is procured under the Desktop and Major Office Machines (MOM) whole of government panel arrangements.

Disaggregating ICT costs down to the individual staff and classification level would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

3. DFAT utilises the MS Windows operating environment as mandated for use under the Microsoft Volume Sourcing Agreement (VSA II). The nominated Large Account Reseller for the VSA II is Data#3 (ABN: 31 010 545 267). Further information from the Department of Finance (DoF) is [here](#).

The 2014-15 annual cost to DFAT for Microsoft Windows operating systems is \$1,445,730.09 ex GST, and comprises:

- \$1,431,822.28 for software assurance and/or subscription costs; \$20,787.00 for VSA contract administration; and
- \$6,879.19 credit for VSA renegotiations based on DFAT's 2013/14 invoices.

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**Question No 260**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Briefings for other parties**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:**
  - a) How are briefings requests commissioned?**
  - b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
  - c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
  - d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
  - e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.**
  - f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?**

**Answer**

DFAT provides pre-departure briefings to parliamentarians travelling overseas as part of official delegations, such as the Inter Parliamentary Union Assembly (IPU) and the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), or on official travel. Generally, these delegations are cross party delegations and have members from the Government, Opposition and Independent/Minor Party members. Posts in the countries visited may also give oral briefings as part of normal service to visiting parliamentarians.

DFAT has not received other individual requests for written briefings from Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party.

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**Question No 261**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Office recreational facilities**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?***

- a. If so, list these***
- b. If so, list the total cost for these items***
- c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
- d. If so, where were these purchased***
- e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased***
- f. If so, what is the current location for these items?***
- g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?***

**Answer**

The department does not keep centralised records for the purchase, leasing or construction of recreational facilities, activities or games. To gather this information would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 262**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Stationery requirements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a. *Detail the items provided to the minister's office***
- 2. *How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.***

**Answer**

A. For the period 28 February 2013 to 30 June 2014, the Department expended \$13,568.27 on stationery for the Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary's Offices. This included a range of items such as paper, envelopes, printer toner, pens, pencils and general office stationery.

B. For the period 1 November 2013 to 30 June 2014, the Department expended \$2.195m on stationery.

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**Question No 263**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Electronic equipment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.***
  - a) List the items***
  - b) List the items location or normal location***
  - c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level***
  - d) List the total cost of the items***
  - e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items***
  - f) List the date they were provided to the office***
  - g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department***

**Answer**

1a. Other than phones, iPads and computers DFAT also provide printers to Ministerial offices.

1b. Portfolio-related ICT services and equipment are provided for the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries as follows;

- Offices in **Parliament House** Canberra.
- **Electorate Offices** in Subiaco, Bentleigh and North Mount Gravatt.
- **Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices** in Brisbane and Sydney.

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Title	Date Provided	Printer
Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs	18-Sep-13	12
Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment	18-Sep-13	13
Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs	18-Sep-13	4
Individual cost		1750
Total cost		50750

1g. The department proactively provided this equipment to Ministerial offices.

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**Question No 264**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Media subscriptions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Write question here in **bold italics**.*

- 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.***
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?***
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
- 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.***
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?***
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
- 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.***
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?***
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
- 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?**



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- a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.**
- b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?**
- d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**

### **Answer**

#### **1.**

TV subscriptions are decentralised and are managed and budgeted across 95 posts overseas and by seven state and territory offices, according to their varying requirements. Aggregating TV subscriptions and their costs across all DFAT offices, both overseas and in Australia, would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- a. The Department subscribes to Foxtel and Parliamentary channels for its Canberra offices.

The Foxtel subscription provides access to the following channels to enable monitoring of world events and news updates:

- BBC World News
- CNBC
- CNN
- Sky Business Channel
- Sky News
- Sky Weather Channel

The Parliamentary channel subscription is used to monitor parliamentary proceedings.

- b. The Foxtel subscription costs \$2,571.35 ex GST per month. The Parliamentary channel subscription costs \$6,810.69 ex GST per annum. Therefore, for the period 1 March to 4 June 2014, the respective costs for the Foxtel and Parliamentary TV subscriptions in Canberra was \$8,115.84 ex GST and \$1,791.36 ex GST.
- c&d. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade paid \$225.45 ex GST during the period 1 March to 4 June 2014 for basic Foxtel subscriptions in respect of the Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

#### **2 & 3.**

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a & b. Newspaper and magazine subscriptions are decentralised and managed and budgeted by individual work units in Canberra, across 95 posts overseas and by seven state and territory offices, according to their varying requirements. Aggregating subscriptions and their costs across all DFAT offices, both overseas and in Australia, would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

c. Given the relevance of their coverage to the Foreign Affairs portfolio, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided the following newspapers and magazines to the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Age, The Australian, The Australian Financial Review, The Canberra Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Economist, The Financial Times, The Herald Sun, The Sydney Morning Herald, The West Australian.

Given the relevance of their coverage to the Trade and Investment portfolio, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided the following newspapers and magazines to the Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment: The Adelaide Advertiser, The Age, The Australian, The Australian Financial Review, The Canberra Times, The Courier Mail, The Daily Telegraph, The Economist, The Herald Sun, The Land, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Weekly Times.

d. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade paid \$4,281.37 ex GST from 1 March to 4 June 2014 for newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the Offices of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade and Investment.

### **4.**

a & b. Purchases of publications are decentralised and managed and budgeted by individual work units in Canberra, across 95 posts overseas and by seven state and territory offices, according to their varying requirements. Aggregating purchases and their costs across all DFAT offices, both overseas and in Australia, would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

c & d. Nil.

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**Question No 265**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Media monitoring**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
  - b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) Itemise these expenses.***
- 2. *What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
  - b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) Itemise these expenses.***

**Answer**

- 1.** Between 1 March and 4 June 2014 the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade paid \$528.37 ex GST for the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and \$2,162.03 ex GST for the Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment for iSentia media monitoring services (transcripts and associated copyright).

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- 2.** The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade paid for the following iSentia media monitoring services used by the Department from 1 March to 4 June 2014:

<b>i.</b> Media monitoring and associated copyright:	\$70,990.98 ex GST
<b>ii.</b> Transcripts and associated copyright:	\$5,908.80 ex GST
<b>iii.</b> Mediaportal access:	\$4,319.33 GST

<b>Total</b>	\$81,219.11 ex GST
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**Question No 266**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Media training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:***
  - a) Total spending on these services***
  - b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services***
  - c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification***
  - d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification***
  - e) The names of all service providers engaged***
  - f) the location that this training was provided***
- 2. *For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:***
  - a) The name and nature of the service purchased***
  - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based***
  - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
  - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
  - e) The total amount spent on the service***
  - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)***

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**3. *Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:***

- a) The location used***
- b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion***
- c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
- d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location***

**Answer**

1.

a & b. From 1 March to 4 June 2014, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade made a single payment of \$4,000 ex GST to Laurie Wilson and Associates on media training services.

c & d. One Executive Level 2, four Executive Level 1, three APS level 6 and one APS level 5 officer.

e. Laurie Wilson and Associates.

f. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade , R. G. Casey Building, Barton ACT.

2.

a & b. The training was a group-based one-day workshop, focused on media management and interview skills.

c. One Executive Level 2, four Executive Level 1, three APS level 6 and one APS level 5 officer.

d. Training provided totalled approximately 67.5 hours. 7.5 hours Executive Level 2, 30 hours Executive Level 1, 22.5 hours APS level 6 and 7.5 hours APS level 5.

e. The total amount spent on the service was \$4,000 ex GST.

f. Fees were charged as a complete package.

3.

No external facilities were used.

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**Question No 267**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Provision of equipment - ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?**
  - a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification**
- 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.**

### **Answer**

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) provides Information and Communications Technology (ICT) support for portfolio-related activities in accordance with Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoF) guidelines for:
  - The Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - The Minister for Trade and Investment;
  - The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - Their offices.

Included in this support is the provision of mobile phones to each Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and their staff. The phones are a mix of BlackBerry and iPhones.

As at 27 June 2014, the cost of purchasing each device is:

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BlackBerry: \$649.00 ex GST

iPhone: \$787.00 ex GST

Nokia C2-01:\$63.66 ex GST

(1.a)

An itemised list of equipment provided to Ministerial offices is outlined below.

Current Ministers											
Title	Commencement Date	Classified Network Access	Unclassified Network Access	iPhone	iPad	Blackberry	Laptop	Modem	FOB	Classified Printer	Unclassified Printer
Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs	18-Sep-13	16	18	17	10	1	10	10	9	4	4
Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment	18-Sep-13	13	14	12	11	2	1	2	8	2	4
Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs	18-Sep-13	5	6	1	1	1	3	3	4	1	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>

Ongoing costs vary depending on individual use patterns. Disaggregating costs down to the individual office or individual would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

(2)

Yes, DFAT provides ICT equipment to departmental staff and to staff in other agencies/departments under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for ICT Services.

The baseline ICT service package provided to DFAT staff consists of a desktop computer, 22" monitor and desk phone. This is a standard offering to all staff and is not determined by classification.

Printers and multi-function devices (print, copy, scan and fax) are generally shared resources.



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The provision of additional equipment such as mobile phones, BlackBerrys, USB storage and laptops is determined by business need, typically related to specific job functions such as BlackBerrys for travelling executives.

DFAT provides ICT services to over 40 other government agencies and departments under MOU which includes arrangements for cost recovery for these services. Typically this includes desktop computing services.

<b>Device</b>	<b>Cost per device</b>
Standard desktop (pc plus monitor)	\$1,218.00 (Exclusive GST)
Desktop phone	\$331.00 (Exclusive GST)
Standard laptop	\$1,595.30 (Exclusive GST)
Lightweight laptop	\$2151.80 (Exclusive GST)
iPad	\$749.00 (Exclusive GST)
iPhone	\$787.00 (Exclusive GST)
Lexmark printer	\$1,837.50 (Exclusive GST)
Printer multi-function device	\$8,270.85 (Exclusive GST)
BlackBerry	\$649.00 (Exclusive GST) – Device Cost \$1,033 (Exclusive GST) – DFAT Managing Cost
Nokia	\$63.63 (Exclusive GST)
USB 4G Modem	\$138.18 (Exclusive GST)

**Note:** All equipment is procured under the Desktop and Major Office Machines (MOM) whole of government panel arrangements.

Disaggregating ICT costs down to the individual staff and classification level would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

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**Question No 268**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Commissioned reports**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.***
- 2. *How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?***
- 3. *What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?***

### **Answer**

1. Since February 2014, a report on Agriculture and Economic Growth was commissioned by the Department.
  - Date commissioned: This report was commissioned on 13 March 2014.
  - Date report handed to Government: This report is to be handed to the Department in August 2014.
  - Date of public release: If the final report is judged to be of potentially broader (public) interest, it will be made available through the DFAT website in late 2014.
  - Terms of reference: The purpose of the report is to assess options for aid investments in the agriculture and food sector to support economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region through market development, private sector engagement and value chain initiatives.
  - Committee members: This report was prepared by Adam Smith International (ASI) utilising a team of five consultants.
2. The maximum amount payable by DFAT will not exceed the sum of \$135,646.92 plus GST up to a maximum amount of \$13,564.69
  - At various times, one SES Band 1, one APS6 and one APS4 officer have been involved in overseeing the production of this report.
3. The report is currently being written. When complete, it will inform preparation of new operational guidance for Australia's aid engagement in Agriculture,

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Fisheries and Water (one of the priority areas under the new Aid Policy Framework).

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**Question No 269**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial website**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?***
  - a) List each item of expenditure and cost***
  - b) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?***
- 2. *Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?***

**Answer**

**1.**

- A. As stated at Estimates in June 2014, as is standard practice for portfolio departments, DFAT is responsible for the maintenance of websites for the foreign minister, the trade and investment minister and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The decision to redevelop the three websites was taken by the department in December 2012.

Since additional estimates in February 2014, the department has expended \$18,000 on the Ministerial website to deliver further web functionality for the department.

Expenditure February – 30 June 2014 is as follows:

Development:	\$14,400
Testing:	\$ 3,600
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

- B. Work is completed by departmental staff.

**2.** A limited number of Departmental staff required to be on-call outside of regular hours to manage any ICT related incidents.

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**Question No 270**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Report printing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? A. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.*

**Answer**

The Department disposed of close to 500 copies of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15. The disposal was approved by the Chief Financial Officer on the day of printing, due to a printing error. There was no additional cost to the department as the printing company acknowledged responsibility for the error. Another 30 copies were pulped at the printers on the day of printing due to the same printing error.

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**Question No 271**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FOI requests**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Since September 7, 2013:***

- 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?***
- 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?***
- 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:***
  - a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?***
  - b) For how many has a redacted document been provided?***

**Answer**

1. 236

2. The Department does not collect statistics pertaining to individual documents. However, of the 236 cases received since September 7 2013, 16 have involved deliberative matter.

3 a). The Department does not collect statistics pertaining to individual documents. However, of the 236 cases received since September 7 2013, 12 requests were refused in full on the basis of deliberative matter.

3 b). The Department does not collect statistics pertaining to individual documents. However, of the 236 cases received since September 7 2013, 4 requests involving deliberative matter were released in part.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 272**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial Motor vehicles**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:***
  - a) What is the make and model?***
  - b) How much did it cost?***
  - c) When was it provided?***
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?***
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.***
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?***
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.***
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.***
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.***
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.***

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### **Answer**

(a)-(c) Mr Robb has leased a 2012 Holden Calais since June 2012. Ms Bishop and Senator Mason have not been provided with a motor vehicle.

(d)-(f) To 30 June 2014 the department has paid \$7,965.09 for the ongoing costs of Mr Robb's vehicle. DFAT did not pay the costs prior to him becoming the Minister for Trade and Investment.

(g)-(h) Ministerial and Parliamentary Services in the Department of Finance issues guidelines relating to ministerial entitlements. In accordance with Part 4.4.5 of the Ministers of State Entitlements Handbook (Travel), DFAT meets the costs of all official Ministerial car transport. The Handbook was last updated in June 2013.

(i) The use of a vehicle provided to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary is governed by the Department of Finance's Guidelines on Provision of Private-Plated Vehicles for Senators and Members 2012.

(j) No.



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**Question No 273**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) What is the make and model?**
  - b) How much did it cost?**
  - c) When was it provided?**
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?**
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.**
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?**
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.**
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.**
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**

**Answer**

No.

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**Question No 274**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) What is the make and model?**
  - b) How much did it cost?**
  - c) When was it provided?**
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?**
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.**
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?**
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.**
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.**
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**

**Answer**

DFAT does not administer or fund entitlements under the MoPS Act. Questions relating to entitlements under the MoPS Act should be directed to the Department of Finance.

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**Question No 275**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?**
- 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:**
  - a) Date the lease agreement is active from.**
  - b) Date the lease agreement ends.**
  - c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?**
  - d) Location of the building (City and state).**
  - e) Cost of the lease.**
  - f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.**
- 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:**
  - a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.**
  - b) Date the lease agreement ended.**
  - c) Why was the lease not renewed?**
  - d) Location of the building (City and state).**
  - e) Cost of the lease.**
  - f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.**

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4. *Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:*
- a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.*
  - b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.*
  - c) Expected location of the building (City and state).*
  - d) Expected cost of the lease.*
  - e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?*
  - f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.*
5. *For each building owned or leased by the department:*
- a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?*
  - b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.*

### Answer

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275	DFAT – OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
				<b>Response</b>
				February to May lease costs are: \$11,593,489.90

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275	DFAT – OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: a) Date the lease agreement is active from. b) Date the lease agreement ends. c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.		
Building	Lease Agreement Active	Lease Agreement Ends	Expected to be Renewed? If Not Why?	Location – City & State	Cost of Lease  (From Feb to May 14)	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency/department.
RG Casey Building John McEwen Crescent	29/02/2012	28/02/2017	Yes	Barton, ACT	\$6,641,731.27	DFAT office environment
Maddocks House  40 Macquarie Street	1/07/2013	31/12/2014	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Barton, ACT	\$127,690.24	DFAT office environment
Level 10 Angel Place 123 Pitt Street	1/08/2011	31/07/2017	Yes	Sydney, NSW	\$134,856.20	DFAT office environment
Level 7 26 Lee Street	1/11/2007	31/10/2017	Yes	Sydney, NSW	\$286,966.18	DFAT office environment
Sydney International Airport	1/03/2013	28/02/2018	Yes	Sydney, NSW	\$15,350.72	DFAT safe hand mail storage

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Building	Lease Agreement Active	Lease Agreement Ends	Expected to be Renewed? If Not Why?	Location – City & State	Cost of Lease (From Feb to May 14)	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency/department.
Level 1 Deutsche Bank Building 77-79 Hunter Street	1/06/2012	31/05/2014	Yes. Renewal of this lease is currently being finalised.	Newcastle, NSW	\$27,104.04	DFAT office environment
Basement Deutsche Bank Building 77-79 Hunter Street	1/06/2012	31/05/2015	Yes	Newcastle, NSW	\$1,354.16	DFAT office environment
Levels 16 & 17 150 Charlotte Street	1/07/2012	30/06/2022	Yes	Brisbane, QLD	\$262,894.48	DFAT office environment
Torres Strait Treaty Liaison Office Commonwealth Centre Victoria Parade	1/03/2012	28/02/2017	Yes	Thursday Island, QLD	\$12,234.50	DFAT office environment
5th Floor Allianz House 55 Currie Street	1/03/2013	28/02/2018	Yes	Adelaide, SA	\$85,288.93	DFAT office environment
5th Floor Northern Territory House 22 Mitchell Street	1/05/2013	30/04/2023	Yes	Darwin, NT	\$55,220.00	DFAT office environment

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Level 1 111 Macquarie Street	1/05/2013	30/04/2023	Yes	Hobart, TAS	\$37,215.28	DFAT office environment
Levels 13 & 14 Casselden Place 2 Lonsdale Street	1/03/2013	28/02/2015	No. Lessor has not agreed to renewal.	Melbourne, VIC	\$338,723.41	DFAT office environment
747 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC	01/04/2014	04/04/2027	Yes	Melbourne, VIC	\$1,556.34.	DFAT office environment
Level 17 Exchange Plaza 2 The Esplanade	14/12/2012	13/12/2017	No. Likely market will deliver improved accommodation standards at conclusion of existing lease.	Perth, WA	\$257,680.86	DFAT office environment

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Building	Lease Agreement Active	Lease Agreement Ends	Expected to be Renewed? If Not Why?	Location – City & State	Cost of Lease (From Feb to May 14)	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency/department.
255 London Circuit, Civic, Canberra (Former AusAID)	4/09/2010	03/09/2022	Yes	Canberra, ACT	\$1,583,775.60	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Level 12 (Former AusAID)	01/12/2011	31/12/2014	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$115,568.64	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Level 11 (Former AusAID)	01/01/2013	31/12/2014	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$115,568.64	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Level 6,7,8,9 (Former AusAID)	01/01/2007	30/06/2015	TBC – The Department is still considering its medium term Canberra accommodation strategy.	Canberra, ACT	\$427,692.32	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Suite 5.01 (Former AusAID)	22/04/2009	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated department.	Canberra, ACT	\$153,150.40	DFAT office environment



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20 Allara Level 10 (Former AusAID)	01/12/2009	30/06/2015	TBC – The Department is still considering its medium term Canberra accommodation strategy.	Canberra, ACT	\$106,910.25	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Level 4 (Former AusAID)	01/02/2012	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$99,634.15	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Suite 5.02 (Former AusAID)	01/01/2011	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$166,621.85	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Carparks and Storage (Former AusAID)	01/03/2011	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$48,833.72	DFAT office environment
20 Allara Carparks (Former AusAID)	01/10/2012	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$6,822.91	DFAT office environment

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Building	Lease Agreement Active	Lease Agreement Ends	Expected to be Renewed? If Not Why?	Location – City & State	Cost of Lease  (From Feb to May 14)	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency/department.
20 Allara Level 14  (Former AusAID)	15/08/2007	30/06/2015	No. Surplus to requirements under integrated Department.	Canberra, ACT	\$93,254.01	DFAT office environment
40 Allara Street, Civic, Canberra (Former AusAID)	01/08/2011	30/06/2015	TBC – The Department is still considering its medium term Canberra accommodation strategy.	Canberra, ACT	\$389,790.80	DFAT office environment

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275	DFAT –  OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by: a) Date from which the lease agreement was active. b) Date the lease agreement ended. c) Why was the lease not renewed? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.		
Date from which the lease agreement was active.	Date the lease agreement ended.	Why was the lease not renewed?	Location of the building (City and state).	Cost of the lease.	Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

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275	DFAT –  OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<p>4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <p>a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</p> <p>b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</p> <p>c) Expected location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>d) Expected cost of the lease.</p> <p>e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</p> <p>f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>a) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>		
Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.	Date the lease agreement is expected to end.	Expected location of the building (City and state).	Expected cost of the lease.	Has this cost been allocated into the budget?	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.	If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.
1/11/14	31/10/2024	55 Collins, Melbourne ACT	\$4,448,262.00	Budget has been allocated for FY 14/15	DFAT Office Environment	Not applicable
1/06/14	31/05/2017	44 Sydney Avenue, Barton Canberra ACT	\$3,679,203.25	Budget has been allocated for FY 14/15	DFAT Office Environment	Not applicable.

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275	DFAT – OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	5. For each building owned or leased by the department: b) What is the current occupancy rate for the building? c) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.
<b>Building</b>		<b>Occupancy Rate (PRODAC)</b>	<b>If &lt;100%, what is the remaining being used for.</b>	
RG Casey Building John McEwen Crescent		91%	Non-contiguous work points	
40 Macquarie Street		95%	Non-contiguous work points	
Level 10 Angel Place 123 Pitt Street		94.1%	Non-contiguous work points	
33 Chester Street, Thursday Island		n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes	
Level 7 26 Lee Street		98.7%	Non-contiguous work points	
Sydney International Airport		n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes	
Level 1 Deutsche Bank Building 77-79 Hunter Street		n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes	

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Levels 16 & 17 150 Charlotte Street	94.5%	Non-contiguous work points
Torres Strait Treaty Liaison Office Commonwealth Centre Victoria Parade	n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes
5th Floor Allianz House 55 Currie Street	90%	Non-contiguous work points
5th Floor Northern Territory House 22 Mitchell Street	n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes
<b>Building</b>	<b>Occupancy Rate (PRODAC)</b>	<b>If &lt;100%, what is the remaining being used for.</b>
Level 1 111 Macquarie Street	n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes
Levels 13 & 14 Casselden Place 2 Lonsdale Street	95.6%	Non-contiguous work points
Level 17 Exchange Plaza 2 The Esplanade	100%	
255 London Circuit, Civic, Canberra (Former AusAID)	88.7%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Level 12  (Former AusAID)	80.3%	Non-contiguous work points

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20 Allara Level 11 (Former AusAID)	81.2%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Level 6,7,8,9 (Former AusAID)	86.5%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Level 10 (Former AusAID)	90%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Level 4 (Former AusAID)	84.2%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Suite 5.02 (Annex) (Former AusAID)	94.4%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Level 14 (Former AusAID)	89.7%	Non-contiguous work points
20 Allara Suite 5.01 (Former AusAID)	90.2%	Non-contiguous work points
40 Allara Street (Former AusAID)	85.4%	Non-contiguous work points

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<b>Building</b>	<b>Occupancy Rate (PRODAC)</b>	<b>If &lt;100%, what is the remaining being used for.</b>
Basement Deutsche Bank Building 77-79 Hunter Street	n/a	Not reportable for PRODAC purposes
747 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC	Unknown	Recently taken property on, workspaces currently being reconfigured, ready for occupancy late November 2014.



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### **Question No 276**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Legal costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since *Additional Estimates in February, 2014***
  - a) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external**
  - b) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)**
  - c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.**

### **Answer**

A & B. The department is obliged under s11.1 (da) of the *Legal Services Directions 2005* to report to the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC), within 60 days after the end of each financial year, about the legal services expenditure and legal work of the agency.

The department is in the process of collecting the information necessary for it to be able to comply with its obligations and will be publishing such information on the department's website by 30 October 2014.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of government resources to separately task relevant areas of the department and external law firms in order to answer this question beyond what is already being done in order to meet OLSC reporting requirements.

C. From 1 June 2013 the Department has been utilising the Commonwealth whole-of-government Legal Services Multi-Use List for the procuring of external legal advice in Australia.

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External legal service providers are selected on the basis of best value for money, including relevant expertise.

The Legal Services Directions state that legal work is tied to the Australian Government Solicitor and the Attorney-General's Department if it involves:

- constitutional law issues
- national security issues, or
- Cabinet work.

Overseas posts obtain external legal advice from those local firms which have established the necessary expertise and level of service.

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**Question No 277**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?***
  - a) *List each item of expenditure and cost***
- 2. *Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?***
- 3. *If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes***

**Answer**

1. Total expenditure on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013 is \$58,488.31

a). 209 assessments

2. Yes

3. To breakdown each item of expenditure and costs related to changes following each workstation assessment would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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**Question No 278**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Vending machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?***
  - a) If so, list these***
  - b) If so, list the total cost for these items***
  - c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
  - d) If so, where were these purchased***
  - e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased***
  - f) If so, what is the current location for these items?***
  - g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?***

**Answer**

- 1. No**

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**Question No 279**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial staff turnover**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary***
- 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment***

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– Staff Entitlement 16 (14 MoPS staff and 2 DLOs)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Employing member</b>	<b>Commencement Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Chief of Staff	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Adviser	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Executive Assistant	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Assistant Adviser	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Assistant Media Adviser	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Senior Adviser	MOPS	16 September 2013	-
DLO	DFAT	16 September 2013	-
DLO	DFAT	14 October 2013	-
Assistant Adviser	MOPS	28 October 2013	-
Senior Adviser	MOPS	6 November 2013	-
Office Manager	MOPS DFAT DFAT	11 November 2013 14 October 2013 16 September 2013	- 11 November 2014 11 October 2013
Receptionist	MOPS DFAT DFAT	11 November 2013 1 October 2013 12 September 2013	- 12 November 2013 27 September 2013
Adviser	MOPS DFAT	25 November 2013 16 September 2013	- 11 October 2013
Adviser	MOPS	16 December 2013 16 September 2013	- 13 December 2013
Adviser	MOPS	17 December 2013	-
Senior Media Adviser	MOPS DFAT DFAT	19 December 2013 10 December 2013 16 September 2013	- 19 December 2013 6 December 2013

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Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment

– Staff Entitlement 13 (11 MoPS staff and 2 DLOs)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Employing member</b>	<b>Commencement Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Senior Media Adviser	MOPS	11 November 2013	-
Adviser	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Office/Diary Manager	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
Senior Adviser	MOPS	21 October 2013	-
Assistant Adviser	MOPS	28 October 2013	-
DFAT DLO	DFAT DFAT	4 November 2013 18 September 2013	- 4 November 2013
Senior Adviser	MOPS	4 November 2013	-
Adviser	MOPS	6 November 2013	-
Chief of Staff	MOPS MOPS	11 November 2013 18 September 2013	- 11 November 2013
Executive Assistant	MOPS	11 November 2013	-
Austrade DLO	Austrade Austrade	2 December 2013 18 September 2013	- 29 November 2013
Assistant Media Adviser	MOPS DFAT	12 December 2013 19 September 2013	- 16 December 2013
Assistant Adviser	MOPS DFAT	19 May 2014 2 October 2013	- 16 December 2013

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Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

– Staff Entitlement 3 (2 MoPS staff and 1 DLO)

Position	Employing member	Commencement Date	End Date
Adviser	MOPS	18 September 2013	-
DLO	DFAT	28 May 2014	-
	DFAT	4 October 2013	28 May 2014
	DFAT	25 September 2013	16 October 2013
Assistant Adviser	MOPS	14 October 2013	-

### 3 and 4

Ministerial staff are employed under the MOPS Act administered by the Department of Finance. Enquiries on their status should be directed to DOF. Of the departmental staff who have served in a ministerial office on an interim basis, or as Department Liaison Officers, no staff have resigned or been terminated at the time they were working in that office.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 280**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Multiple tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:***
  - a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?***
  - b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?***
  - c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?***

**Answer**

1. Nil

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**Question No 281**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Market research**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:***

- a) List the total cost of this research***
- b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program***
- c) Who conducted the research?***
- d) How were they identified?***
- e) Where was the research conducted?***
- f) In what way was the research conducted?***
- g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?***
- h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?***

**Answer**

- a) \$119,000 (ex GST)
- b) Consular and Crisis Management Division – Smartraveller campaign market research:
  - a. Presentation of findings: \$53,550 (ex GST)
  - b. Draft report: \$53,550 (ex GST)
  - c. Final report: \$11,900 (ex GST)
- c) Taylor Nelson Sofres Australia Pty Ltd (trading as TNS Social Research)
- d) The supplier was identified via the Department of Finance Communications Multi-Use List and selected through a competitive request for quotes (RFQ) process.
- e) Research was conducted in Sydney, Perth, Ballarat and Townsville.
- f) The research used an iterative approach consisting of preliminary and in-depth qualitative research, an online discussion forum and a quantitative online survey.
- g) Yes.

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- h) Participants for the qualitative research were recruited by a professionally accredited recruiter from the TNS Social Research approved supplier panel. Screening questionnaires were developed in conjunction with DFAT. Recruiters received a verbal briefing and written instructions and guidelines from the TNS Social Research project team before commencing recruitment via telephone. The online survey was launched to the MyOpinions Australian online panel. Quota screeners were placed upon the survey to ensure a nationally representative sample. The quotas and proportions were taken from census data.

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**Question No 282**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Departmental upgrades**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?***

- a) If so, list these***
- b) If so, list the total cost for these changes***
- c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
- d) If so, who conducted the works?***
- e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works***
- f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?***

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Project Description (If so, list these)		Project Cost exc. GST (If so, list the total cost for these changes)	Cost Breakup exc. GST - costs are estimated for projects not yet completed (If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure)	Project Management Company (If so, who conducted the works?)	Tender/Quotation Process (If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works)	Completion Date (If so, when are the works expected to be completed?)
Hobart Passport Office refurbishment		\$138,215	<p>Architect and Head Works Contractor - \$126,665</p> <p>Project Management fees - \$11,550</p>	DTZ	Select tender	Anticipated completion mid July 2014.

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Perth HVAC	\$56,996.34	Head Works Contractor - \$51,862.00  Project Management fees - \$5,134.34	DTZ	Tender Process	Anticipated completion by 30 June 2014
RG Casey Building, Gym Locker Replacement	\$51,428.55	Head Works Contractor - \$45,198.81  Security - \$1,596.96  Project Management Fees – \$4,632.78	DTZ	Tender Process	Anticipated completion by 30 June 2014.
Sydney Airport Loading dock modification	\$5,084.00	Head Works Contractor - \$3,584.00  Project Management fees - \$1,500	DTZ	Select tender	Completed in June 2014.
Perth Passport Office Cahier office modification	\$26,873.85	Head Works Contractor - \$24,453  Project Management fees - \$2,420.85	DTZ	Tender Process	Completed in June 2014.

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Perth DDA Toilet refurbishment	\$93,660.13	Head Works Contractor - \$85,223.05  Project Management fees - \$8,437.08	DTZ	Tender Process	Anticipated completion by 30 June 2014.
RG Casey Building South 3 East Refurbishment	Estimated \$841,440.00	Architect & Services Consultants - \$77,492.83  Workstation and Furniture – \$350,000  Head Works Contractor - \$372,507.17  Project Management Fees – \$41,440.00	DTZ	Tender Process	Anticipated completion by 30 September 2014

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**Question No 283**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Wine coolers / Fridges**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?*

- a) If so, list these*
- b) If so, list the total cost for these items*
- c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure*
- d) If so, where were these purchased*
- e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased*
- f) If so, what is the current location for these items?*
- g) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?*

**Answer**

The Department purchases wine coolers, wine fridges and other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages in the overseas network for representational and entertainment purposes. Details of these purchases are maintained on individual files across the department's overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 284**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Office plants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?*

- a) If so, list these*
- b) If so, list the total cost for these items*
- c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure*
- d) If so, where were these purchased*
- e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased*
- f) If so, what is the current location for these items?*

**Answer**

Information on DFAT expenditure on new office plants is not separately recorded. To provide details of new plants that have been purchased or leased would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 285**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Provision equipment - departmental**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.***
- 2. List the items***
- 3. List the purchase cost***
- 4. List the ongoing cost***
- 5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.***

**Answer**

Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice 267.

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**Question No 286**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Government advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?**
  - a) List each item of expenditure and cost**
  - b) List the approving officer for each item**
  - c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising**
- 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?**
  - a) List the total expected cost**
  - b) List each item of expenditure and cost**
  - c) List the approving officer for each item**
  - d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising**

**Answer**

1. For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 the department spent \$1.322m on government advertising. This includes advertising for job vacancies, Smartraveller, phone and other directories and other notices. Advertising is procured and approved in line with DFAT and Government procurement policies and delegations.
2. The above figures are comprised of a large volume of transactions and it would entail significant diversion of resources to collate and report individual transaction details. In the circumstances, I do not consider that can be justified.

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**Question No 287**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Since September Additional Estimates in February, 2014;***

- a) how often has each board met, break down by board name;***
- b) what travel expenses are provided;***
- c) what is the average attendance at board meetings;***
- d) how does the board deal with conflict of interest;***
- e) what conflicts of interest have been registered;***
- f) what remuneration is provided to board members;***
- g) how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?***
- h) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?***
- i) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings***
- j) what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;***

**Answer**

Answers are based on meetings held between 27 February and 6 June 2014 and are broken down by board name below:

Australia Awards

The tenure of the Australia Awards Board expired in May 2013. The future role of the board will be determined in the context of the government's policy directions related to the New Colombo Plan and other Australian Government Scholarships.

Australia International Cultural Council

The Australia International Cultural Council is under consideration

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#### Australia-China Council (ACC)

- A. The Australia-China Council Board has met once since 27 February 2014, on 24 March 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 85 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form annually. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant or program will declare it to the Secretariat at the Board meeting or intersessionally. A Board member who has an interest in a particular grant withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. No conflicts of interest were recorded at the meeting held on 24 March 2014.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the Australia-China Council's Orders-in-Council, the Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chair on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a Member of the Board.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers.
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$866.00 for meeting held on 24 March 2014. No alcohol was served.

#### Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF)

- A. The AKF Board has met twice since 27 February 2014, on 7 March and 21 May 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 100 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form annually. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. Three conflicts of interest were recorded at the meeting held on 21 May 2014. Professor Mike Manton declared a conflict of interest arising from his former membership of the Board of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) and to avoid any perceived conflict of

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interest he excluded himself from any decision making regarding ATSE's grant applications. Dr Dalton declared a conflict of interest arising from her personal relationship to one applicant and to avoid any perceived conflict of interest she excluded herself from any decision making regarding that grant application. Dr Dalton also declared a conflict of interest arising from her employment at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and to avoid any perceived conflict of interest she excluded herself from any decision making relating to a grant application from UTS.

- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the Order constituting the AKF, the Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chair or a Member on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs at any time. The Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a Member of the Board.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$486.00 for the meeting held on 7 March 2014. Catering cost was \$711.20 for the meeting held on 21 May 2014, including morning and afternoon teas, working lunch and dinner the preceding evening. Alcohol was served during dinner.

Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF)

- A. The AJF Board has met once since 27 February 2014, on 28 May 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 100 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. Three conflicts of interest were recorded at the meeting held on 28 May 2014, relating to Asialink, Monash University and the Walkley Foundation for Journalism. The relevant Board Members withdrew from any discussion on that issue or grant matter.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.

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- G. Under the AJF Order in Council, the Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chair or a Member on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs at any time. The Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a Member of the Board (other than the ex-officio).
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$2,500 for the meeting held on 28 May 2014, including morning and afternoon teas, dinner the preceding evening, and an official lunch held as a farewell for a retiring Board Member also attended by the Japanese Ambassador HE Mr Akimoto. Alcohol was served during the dinner and official lunch.

#### Australia-Indonesia Institute (AII)

- A. The Australia Indonesia Institute Board met once since 27 February 2014, on 5 June 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to and from meetings for board members.
- C. 100 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to declare any conflict of interest at the beginning of each Board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A Board member who has an interest in a particular grant or program participation selection process declares this interest and withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. One conflict of interest was recorded at the meeting held on 5 June 2014. Mr Sheridan noted in his role as media representative he (and any future media representative on the Board) should continue to make recommendations on the selection of the Elizabeth O'Neill Award recipient, but exclude him/herself from the decision-making.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. While the orders in council do not include explicit provision for termination, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has the authority to appoint, implicitly also to remove Members. The Orders in Council are currently under review.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$1,628.43 for meeting held on 5 June 2014. No alcohol was served.

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#### Australia-India Council (AIC)

- A. The Australia-India Council Board has not met since 27 February 2014.
- B. The Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. Not applicable
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A board member who has an interest in a particular decision withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. Not applicable
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the Order Constituting the Australia-India Council the Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chair on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a Member of the Board.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Not applicable

#### Australia-Malaysia Institute (AMI)

- A. The AMI has met once since 24 February 2014 on 17/18 March in Kuala Lumpur.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 80 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to declare any conflict of interest at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant or program participation selection process declares this interest and withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. Not applicable.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance that they would normally receive in the course of their work.



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- G. The Charter allows for the Minister for Foreign Affairs to terminate the appointment of the Chair or any Member (other than the ex officio) at any time by notice in writing.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$632.56 for the Board meeting in Kuala Lumpur. No alcohol was served.

#### Australia-Thailand Institute (ATI)

- A. The ATI Board met once since 27 February 2014, on 1 April 2014 (via teleconference).
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for Board members.
- C. 100 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to declare any conflict of interest at the beginning of each Board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A Board member who has an interest in a particular grant or program participation selection process declares this interest and withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. One conflict of interest was recorded at the meeting held on 1 April 2014. The Chair, Mr Mike Courtnall, declared a conflict of interest arising from his appointment as a member of the BRIDGE program's advisory board. To avoid any perceived conflict of interest he elected not to participate in any decisions regarding further funding for the BRIDGE program. The meeting accepted this option.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. The Charter allows for the Minister for Foreign Affairs to terminate the appointment of the Chair or any Member (other than the ex officio) at any time by notice in writing.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. The Board met via teleconference on 1 April 2014. No catering costs were incurred as a result of this meeting. No alcohol was served.

#### Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR)

- A. The COALAR Board has met twice since 27 February 2014, on 12 March and 29 May 2014.

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- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 81 per cent average attendance at board meetings.
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. One conflict of interest was reported at the Board meeting held on 29 May 2014. Mr Timothy McLennan declared a potential conflict in relation to a grant application by his Not-for-Profit organisation (International Energy Center) and he withdrew from the decision making process for that application.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the Charter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of the Chair or Member at any time by notice in writing.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Mr Craig Foster has attended less than 51% of meetings since 27 February due to his SBS broadcasting commitments, including to the FIFA World Cup in Brazil. Mr Foster has been a strong advocate for COALAR in his work leading up to and during the current FIFA World Cup.
- J. Catering cost was \$293.00 for the meeting held on 12 March 2014. No catering costs for the meeting held on 29 May. No alcohol was served at either meeting.

#### Council for Australia-Arab Relations (CAAR)

- A. The CAAR Board has not met since 27 February 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. Not applicable.
- D. Board members are required to declare any conflict of interest issues at the beginning of each board meeting and fill in a private interest declaration form. A board member who has an interest in a particular grant withdraws from that assessment process.
- E. Not applicable.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not

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receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.

- G. Under the CAAR Charter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of the Chair or Member at any time by notice in writing.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable.
- J. Not applicable.

#### Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Commission for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR Commission)

- A. The Commission has met once since 27 February 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 71 per cent average attendance at the board meeting on 25 March 2014.
- D. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to the board member's knowledge at of each board meeting. Board members who have an interest in a particular matter must not be present during any deliberation on the matter and must not take part in any decision with respect to the matter. The disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- E. No conflicts of interest were recorded at the meeting held on 25 March 2014.
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Commonwealth employee members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982* the Governor General may terminate the appointment of the chair or member.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Catering cost was \$168.09 for meeting held on 25 March 2014. No alcohol was served.

#### Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Policy Advisory Council (PAC)

- A. The PAC has not met since 27 February 2014.

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- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. Not applicable
- D. Not applicable
- E. Not applicable
- F. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
- G. Under the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982* the Minister may terminate the appointment of the chair or member.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Not applicable

#### Australian National Commission for UNESCO

- A. The UNESCO Board has not met since 27 February 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. Not applicable
- D. The process for conflicts of interest is dealt with in the Charter of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO paragraph 21.
- E. None.
- F. Travel and accommodation expenses and annual fee for chair in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices.
- G. The issue has not arisen.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Not applicable.

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#### Editorial Advisory Board

- A. The Editorial Advisory Board has not met since 27 February 2014.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. Not applicable
- D. Board members are aware that any conflicts of interest are to be declared.
- E. None.
- F. Travel and accommodation expenses and annual fee for chair in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices.
- G. The Minister may terminate Board members who do not meet attendance standards.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. Not applicable
- J. Not applicable.

#### Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)

EFIC is responding to a similar question (see QoN 358 from EFIC)

#### New Colombo Plan Reference Group

- A. The NCP Reference Group met on 2 April 2014 following their formal appointment.
- B. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
- C. 80 per cent average attendance at board meetings
- D. All board members are required to sign a Private Interests Declaration form upon appointment. The Reference Group Charter requires all members to abide by a Conduct and Ethics code, including appropriate disclosure and management of conflicts of interest. A standing agenda item at the commencement of a meeting is: 'Conflict of Interest Declaration'. Members also have the opportunity to declare conflicts of interest at the commencement of each agenda item. Should an agenda item arise where a member may have a conflict of interest, that member (or members) would leave the room for the duration of the discussion. The NCP Reference Group

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is an advisory body. It does not have decision making authority or financial delegation.

- E. Vicki Thomson – Executive Director of the Australian Technology Network of Universities.  
Rob Malicki – Director and part owner of the Australian Institute for Mobility Overseas
- F. Travel and accommodation expenses and annual fee for chair in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-03) for part-time holders of public offices.
- G. In accordance with the NCP Reference Group's charter – the appointment of any member may be terminated at any time by notice in writing.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers
- I. The following NCP Reference Group members were unable to attend the first meeting on 2 April and therefore meet this percentage by default:  
Mr Kevin McCann; Ms Suzette Corr; Professor Krishna Sen
- J. Catering cost was \$287.07 for the meeting held on 2 April 2014. No alcohol was served

#### Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council

- A. The Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council (TIPAC) met once since Additional Estimates in February 2014.
- B. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) can reimburse members' domestic travel costs on request. Any costs will be covered in accordance with Departmental Guidelines. DFAT did not reimburse any TIPAC members for their attendance at TIPAC's first meeting on 6 June 2014.
- C. 75 per cent attendance at its first meeting on 6 June 2014.
- D. TIPAC will deal with any conflicts of interest among its membership in accordance with standard Australian Government policies and procedures for ministerial appointments.
- E. Some members have registered conflicts of interest regarding their membership of other boards or organisations.
- F. TIPAC members do not receive any financial or non-financial remuneration.
- G. TIPAC membership arrangements are at the discretion of the Minister for Trade and Investment.
- H. The Department does not comment on advice it provides to Ministers.
- I. TIPAC has met once, on 6 June 2014, since the Minister for Trade and Investment announced its membership on 30 May 2014. Ms Alison Watkins,

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Mr David Knox, Mr Roy Krzywosinski, Mr Mark Chiba, and Mr Graham Burke did not attend this meeting.

- J. Catering costs for TIPAC meetings this year have totalled \$2,965 (including GST). Australian wine was made available with lunch when TIPAC met on 6 June 2014.

Tourism Australia Board

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 55 from Austrade)

Tourism Quality Council of Australia

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 55 from Austrade)

Tourism Research and Advisory Board

Austrade is responding to a similar question (see QoN 55 from Austrade)

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**Question No 288**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Senate estimates briefing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?***
- 2. *How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification***
- 3. *Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?***
- 4. *Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a) If so, when did this occur? b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c) When were the changes made?***
- 5. *Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.***

**Answer**

1. Officers across the Department prepare briefs for Estimates. No briefing pack was prepared solely for the use by Minister. Briefing material was prepared for the Secretary for the Senate Estimates hearings. A copy of the Secretary's briefing was provided to Senator Hon George Brandis QC, who represented the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Trade.
2. As foreign policy and trade matters vary from day to day and briefs are prepared by officers across the Department, there is no way of calculating time spent preparing Senate Estimates briefs.



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3. In the days preceding the Budget Estimates hearing, briefing prepared for the Secretary, DFAT, was provided to Senator Hon George Brandis QC, who represented the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Trade.
4. No.
5. In accordance with long standing practice, it is not appropriate to provide briefing material prepared for the Secretary.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 289**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Communications staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:*

- a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.*
- b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location*
- c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location*
  - i) How many are graphic designers?*
  - ii) How many are media managers?*
  - iii) How many organise events?*

**Answer**

a. The table below details the number of ongoing staff, as at 30 June 2014, by classification that spend the majority of their time on the communications, public relations, and media functions. These staff support activities such as website management, public outreach and advocacy, event management and media liaison.

Classification	Ongoing
APS1	0
APS2	0
APS3	0
APS4	0

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APS5	5
APS6	12
EL1	12
EL2	6
SES Band One	1

b. The department does not have any non-ongoing staff in the public relations, communications, and media functions.

c. The department does not have any contractors in the public relations, communications, and media functions.

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**Question No 290**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):*

*Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister*

- 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?*
- 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:*
  - a) The Department or Agency which was consulted;*
  - b) The document;*
  - c) The purpose of the consultation;*
  - d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension;*
  - e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension*
- 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?*
- 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:*
  - a) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;*
  - b) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;*
  - c) The purpose of the consultation;*
  - d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension;*

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- e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension*
- f) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office*

**Staffing resources**

*The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:*

- 5. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?*

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- 6. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:*
  - a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?*
  - b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?*
  - c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).*
- 7. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:*
  - a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;*
  - b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;*
  - c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?*
  - d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?*
  - e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?*
- 8. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?*

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**9. If so, please provide the following information in a table:**

- a) On how many occasions charges have been imposed;**
- b) The amount charged for each document**
- c) The total amount charged;**
- d) What is the highest charge that has been imposed.**

**With respect to FOI requests:**

**10. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?**

**11. Of those, how many were:**

- a) Released in full**
- b) Released in part**
- c) Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest**
- d) Other (please specify)**

**Answer**

1. Where an FOI request involves whole-of-government issues or has captured documents which originated from other agencies, consultations or notifications are undertaken as appropriate on a case-by-case basis. This includes the requirement to consult the Cabinet Secretariat concerning the potential use of section 34 exemptions.

2. These statistics are not collected by the Department.

3. Where an FOI request has captured documents which originated from the Minister's Office, consultations or notifications are undertaken as appropriate on a case-by-case basis. In some cases, the Department notifies the Minister's Office prior to the release of documents pursuant to an FOI request.

4. These statistics are not collected by the Department. The incoming Minister's Offices were briefed by the Department on their FOI obligations on taking up office.

5. The Department combines its FOI and privacy legislation responsibilities in the one section – the Freedom of Information and Privacy Law ('FPL') Section. The combined section is supervised by a Director and has the equivalent of 8 full time staff. Decision-making responsibilities are shared by

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SES officers throughout the Department in line areas responsible for the subject matter captured by a particular request.

6 DFAT maintains a webpage allowing direct download.

7 Not applicable

8 Not applicable

9 Not applicable

10. Statistics concerning exemptions applied to individual documents are not collected by the Department. 101 FOI cases finalised in the current reporting period contained conditional exemptions. Of these, the majority were requests for passport information which captured another party's personal information.

11 Statistics concerning exemptions applied to individual documents are not collected by the Department.

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**Question No 291**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Functions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:***
  - a) The guest list of each function***
  - b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function***
  - c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function***
  - d) A list of drinks consumed at the function***
- 2. *Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office***

**Answer**

Hospitality and attending and hosting functions form an essential part of overseas visits by Ministers. These services are managed by all areas across the Department including Australian Government Posts. To provide further details would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 292**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Red tape reduction**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?***
- 2. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target***
- 3. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?***
- 4. How have they been recruited?***
- 5. What process was used for their appointment?***
- 6. What is the total cost of this unit?***
- 7. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.***
- 8. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?***
- 9. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.***
- 10. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?***

**Answer**

1. The department has established a deregulation unit (DU) for the foreign affairs and trade portfolio. The DU is the central contact point within the portfolio for guidance on the deregulation agenda and regulatory impact analysis processes, and has responsibility for driving red tape reduction across the portfolio. The DU conducts regular meetings with portfolio regulators to consult on progress towards meeting the government's red tape reduction target.
2. The department is making progress towards the government's red tape reduction target.
3. Four officers (one SES Band 1, one EL2, one APS 6, one APS4)

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4. No additional recruitment was undertaken.
5. Officers were drawn from existing resources within the department's Executive Branch, which is responsible for portfolio coordination.
6. Funded from within existing resources.
7. Officers undertake work for the DU in addition to their other duties.
8. Yes.
9. All staff have appropriate security clearances.
10. Deregulation Unit.

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**Question No 293**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Official residences**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:***
  - a) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended***
  - b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function***
  - c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function***
- 2. *Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.***

**Answer**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has not conducted any formal functions at any of the Official Residences.

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**Question No 294**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Travel costs - department**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).**
- 2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.**
- 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.**

**Answer**

1.

a. Travel costs for departmental staff accompanying the Minister for Foreign Affairs:

1. United Kingdom: 7 to 14 March 2014
  - i. Travel: \$17,863.58
  - ii. Accommodation: \$5,078.87
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$2,349.68
  - iv. Other expenses: \$200.00
2. Netherlands, Switzerland and Poland: 22 to 30 March 2014
  - i. Travel: \$12,260.33
  - ii. Accommodation: \$1,447.59
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$697.33
  - iv. Other expenses: \$100.00
3. China and Japan: 8 to 13 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$13,545.73
  - ii. Accommodation: \$3,726.99

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- iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,041.30
- iv. Other expenses: \$45.11
- 4. Mexico: 13 to 18 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$2,754.00
  - ii. Accommodation: \$920.58
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$285.33
  - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
- 5. Jordan, Lebanon and France: 20 to 27 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$18,070.74
  - ii. Accommodation: \$3,709.45
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,337.60
  - iv. Other expenses: \$248.70
- 6. Papua New Guinea: 7 to 9 May 2014
  - i. Travel: \$0.00
  - ii. Accommodation: \$770.05
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$494.09
  - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
- 7. Japan: 10 to 14 June 2014
  - i. Travel: \$5,781.49
  - ii. Accommodation: \$1,339.35
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$635.38
  - iv. Other expenses: \$316.90

b. Travel costs for departmental staff accompanying the Minister for Trade and Investment:

- 1. Japan and China: 25 March to 1 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$11,202.76
  - ii. Accommodation: \$3,827.42
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,341.40
  - iv. Other expenses: \$136.48
- 2. Japan, Republic of Korea and China: 4 to 11 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$599.70
  - ii. Accommodation: \$6,124.28
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,446.04
  - iv. Other expenses: \$109.72
- 3. UAE and Saudi Arabia: 12 to 18 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$8,459.81
  - ii. Accommodation: \$4,596.74
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$911.46
  - iv. Other expenses: \$183.75
- 4. France and Germany: 3 to 10 May 2014
  - i. Travel: \$11,250.62
  - ii. Accommodation: \$2,594.11

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- iii. Travel Allowance: \$902.34
- iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
- 5. China and Singapore: 16 to 20 May 2014
  - i. Travel: \$6,681.78
  - ii. Accommodation: \$2,500.65
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,106.31
  - iv. Other expenses: \$72.30
- 6. Canada and USA: 8 to 16 June 2014
  - i. Travel: \$18,138.59
  - ii. Accommodation: \$2,432.60
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$972.93
  - iv. Other expenses: \$1,200.00
- 7. China: 22 to 25 June 2014
  - i. Travel: \$13,720.33
  - ii. Accommodation: \$1,516.00
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$1,209.65
  - iv. Other expenses: \$158.58
- 8. Germany, Switzerland and Spain: 28 June to 6 July 2014
  - i. Travel: \$13,199.00
  - ii. Accommodation: \$2,389.00
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$2,890.59
  - iv. Other expenses: \$100.00

c. Travel costs for departmental staff accompanying the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs:

- 1. Papua New Guinea: 6 to 9 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$4,638.12
  - ii. Accommodation: \$1,746.01
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$557.35
  - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
- 2. Solomon Islands: 10 to 11 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$3,817.89
  - ii. Accommodation: \$599.42
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$216.98
  - iv. Other expenses: \$68.66
- 3. Fiji: 27 to 29 April 2014
  - i. Travel: \$3,350.41
  - ii. Accommodation: \$2,581.37
  - iii. Travel Allowance: \$267.62
  - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
- 4. Cook Islands, New Zealand and Samoa: 4 to 10 May 2014
  - i. Travel: \$7,159.84
  - ii. Accommodation: \$1,075.30

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- iii. Travel Allowance: \$886.18
  - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
  - 5. Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong: 18 to 24 May 2014
    - i. Travel: \$ 8,730.62
    - ii. Accommodation: \$ 1,880.81
    - iii. Travel Allowance: \$ 235.62
    - iv. Other expenses: \$35.24
  - 6. Kiribati: 27 to 29 May 2014
    - i. Travel: \$9,613.14
    - ii. Accommodation: \$245.34
    - iii. Travel Allowance: \$0.00
    - iv. Other expenses: \$0.00
2. From 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the department has spent \$11.14 million on travel. This figure includes airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals and other expenses:

<b>F/Y</b>	<b>2013-14 FY</b>
Airfares	\$ 7.74m
Accommodation	\$ 1.77m
Travel Allow.	\$ 1.36m
Other	\$ 0.27m
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 11.14m</b>

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow all travel to be separately captured to provide a breakdown by airfare type and the reason for travel. To provide such details in this format would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

3. The department's global responsibilities create a high demand for travel throughout the year, often at short notice. The department does not forecast travel plans or expenditure separately to general budget planning. To provide details of individual travel plans and reasons for travel would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 295**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Credit cards**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.**
- 2. Please update details of the following?**
  - a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?**
  - b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?**
  - c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?**
  - d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.**
  - e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?**

**Answer**

- A. As of 2 July 2014, 952 officers had an Australian Corporate Credit Card. Information on the number of officers issued with credit cards overseas are not maintained centrally. To provide information on the employment classification of corporate credit card holders would entail a significant diversion of resources. In these circumstances I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
- B. (a) If a criminal offence is identified, the department will seek prosecution through the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. The department will also take action under the APS Code of Conduct.
- (b) Monthly card statements are reconciled and independently checked and reviewed. A representative sample of card statements of Australian issued cards is also checked by the central card management area to ensure compliance with departmental policy.



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(c) If misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered the matter is referred to the department's Conduct and Ethics Unit for investigation. If a criminal offence is identified, the department will seek prosecution through the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. The department will also take action under the APS Code of Conduct.

(d) There have been four instances of corporate credit card misuse since the Budget Estimates in February, 2014 by three staff members (one APS5 and two EL2s). In each case the officer inadvertently used their DFAT credit card for a private purchase. Upon discovery of the unintentional use the card manager was advised and the officers repaid the amount immediately.

(e) Cardholders are required to sign an agreement that sets out the conditions of use of the credit card, including the need to safeguard the card and card number and to provide supporting documentation to substantiate transactions. Monthly card statements are reconciled and independently checked and reviewed. A representative sample of card statements of Australian issued cards is also checked by the central card management area to ensure compliance with departmental policy.

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**Question No 296**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Shared resources following MOG changes**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?***
- 2. *What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?***
- 3. *What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?***

**Answer**

1. The department has not changed its sharing arrangements with other departments since the Machinery of Government changes.
2. The department shares security, IT and administrative services/resources with other departments at overseas locations in line with the Prime Minister's Directive on the Guidelines for the Management of the Australian Government Presence Overseas. There are currently no plans to cease these sharing arrangements.
3. . As records are held in individual files across the department's domestic and overseas network, to provide the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for shared resources would entail a significant diversion of resources and in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

Estimated costs for ceasing shared resources/services arrangements cannot be provided as these arrangements have not ceased.

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**Question No 297**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Departmental Rebranding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?**
    - i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.**
  - b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:**
    - i. Signage.**
    - ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).**
    - iii. Logos**
    - iv. Consultancy**
    - v. Any relevant IT changes.**
    - vi. Office reconfiguration.**
  - c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?**
    - i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.**

**Answer**

A. No.

B. N/A

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**Question No 298**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Contracts under \$10,000**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.***

**Answer**

The consolidation of small value contract records of the former AusAID with those of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade into a single searchable database has not been a priority task in DFAT integration. As a consequence, a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since 7 September 2013 would need to be compiled manually and would entail an unreasonable diversion of resources.

In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, contracts valued at \$10,000 or above are published on AusTender.

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**Question No 299**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?**
- 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?**
- 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?**
- 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?**
- 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel**
- 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels**
- 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?**

**Answer**

1. No.
2. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) uses two Multi Use Lists (MULs): the Legal Services MUL managed by Attorney-General's Department and the Design, Production and Distribution Services MUL managed by the Department of Human Services. Details of these MULs and firms on them can be found on AusTender.
3. DFAT staff are required to complete an Annual Declaration of Protective Security and Conflict of Interest form. To source the information required from staff declarations would entail an unreasonable diversion of resources. Financial delegates must declare that they do not have a conflict of interest in spending proposals they are approving.

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4. The Foreign Minister's Office and the Trade Minister's Office have advised that they do not have any staff with directorships in any firms on the MULs listed above.
5. The Foreign Minister's Office and the Trade Minister's Office have advised that they do not have any staff with any interest financial or otherwise in any firms on the MULs listed above.
6. No.
7. No.

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**Question No 300**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Unallocated Equipment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff
2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

**Answer**

1. As at 30 June 2014 DFAT held 442 palettes of ICT equipment in an off-site storage facility, comprising: satellite dishes, racks and enclosures, servers, printers, multi-function devices, uninterruptable powers supplies, routers and switches, desktop personal computers and cabling.

Approximately 95% of the equipment was purchased in the last three months and is scheduled to be deployed to both DFAT and Partner Agency sites around the globe in the next six months.

The remaining 5% relates to obsolete equipment that is being staged for disposal following compliance with internal security protocols.

2. The total annual cost for the off-site storage facility in 2013-14 \$0.153m. Disaggregating costs down to the individual item would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.



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**Question No 301**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies.
2. Please detail each advertising campaign including it's cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning

**Answer**

Refer to QON 286.

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### **Question No 302**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Land costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
  - a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
  - b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
  - c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

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### Answer

Number	Section	Senator	Topic	Question	Response			
302	DFAT – OPO	LUDWIG	Land costs	1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?	Owned land and residence, York Park Block 2 Section 1 Barton (leased car park)			
				2. Please list by each individual land holding, the <b>size</b> of the piece of land, the <b>location</b> of that piece of land and the <b>latest valuation</b> of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)	Thursday Island 33 Chester Street (Owned)		York Park Block 2 Section 1 Barton (Leased)	
					Size	800m2	Size	443 car spaces
					Location	33 Chester Street Thursday Island	Location	Block 2 Section 1 Barton
					Latest Valuation	Land valuation \$325,000.00	Latest Valuation	N/A Leased

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				<p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p>	<p>Thursday Island</p> <p>33 Chester Street (Owned)</p>	<p>York Park Block 2 Section 1 Barton (Leased)</p>
					<p>4 Bedroom House</p> <p>House valuation: \$525,000</p> <p>Contractual arrangements: no contracts in place. Services completed through DTZ managed work orders.</p>	<p>443 car spaces</p>
				<p>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p>	<p>19</p>	
				<p>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p>	<p>Building Name</p>	<p>33 Chester Street, Thursday Island</p>
					<p>Size (m2)</p>	<p>300m2</p>
					<p>Location</p>	<p>33 Chester Street, Thursday Island, QLD</p>
					<p>Latest Valuation</p>	<p>\$525,000.00</p>

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				<p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	<p>Not reportable for PRODAC purposes</p>
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**Question No 303**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

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8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

#### **Answer**

1. For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the total amount spent by the department on hospitality and entertainment was \$1.702m. The bulk of this was expenditure by Heads of Mission and other DFAT officers at overseas posts. All entertainment expenditure at overseas posts is fully acquitted.

Details of specific hospitality and entertainment events are maintained on individual files across the department's domestic and overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

2. The department's expenditure on hospitality and entertainment for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office for the period 1 March to 30 June 2014 is nil.
3. Refer to 1.
4. Refer to 2.
5. The department does not maintain central records of planned hospitality expenditure.
6. The department's planned expenditure on hospitality and entertainment for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office is nil.
7. Refer to 5.
8. Refer to 6.
9. The amount each work unit spends on hospitality and entertainment is determined by the work unit and based on their particular business needs.

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**Question No 304**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Travel costs - ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary
2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.



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### Answer

(1), (2) and (4) – Details of Ministerial and Parliamentary Secretary overseas travel since 27 February 2014:

Ms Bishop has travelled to the following locations. The mode of transport to each country listed has been aeroplane.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations Accompanying Staff
<b>Japan (Tokyo, Akashi, and Osaka)</b>	10 to 14 June 2014	5	Advisers: Mr James Choi and Ms Josie Ashby  Departmental officers: Mr Peter Varghese Mr Peter Rowe Mr Neil Buckland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Tokyo:</b> Met Prime Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs; Minister for Gender Equality; attended 2+2 Foreign and Defence Minister consultations; roundtable with Japanese intelligence agencies; press conference; lunch with Japanese politicians.</li><li>- Attended roundtable with Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Japan; meeting with non-resident ambassadors accredited to Australia; lunch with New Komeito Party Leadership; Keio University study abroad Fair and address to students; empowerment of Women Reception; breakfast with Australia-Japan Diet members Friendship League; roundtable with senior Japanese commentators</li><li>- Toured UN Command (Rear) and Japan Air Defence Command</li><li>- Met President of Japan International Cooperation Agency; Chairman Emeritus Central Japan Rail Company</li><li>- <b>Akashi:</b> Site visit to Kawasaki Heavy Industries</li><li>- <b>Osaka:</b> Met with Governor of Hyogo Prefecture; attended dinner with Kansai Economic Federation.</li></ul>			

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<b>Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby)</b>	7 to 9 May 2014	3	Advisers: Mr Murray Hansen, Ms Sarah Storey  Departmental officers: Ms Kathy Klugman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Port Moresby:</b> Met Prime Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; Minister for National Planning and Monitoring; Minister for Justice and Attorney General; Minister for Education; attended Joint Minister Forum to oversee implementation of the Refugee Resettlement Arrangement</li><li>- Attended opening of Australian funded Midwifery Centre at Pacific Adventist University; dinner hosted by Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Council; opening of the Buk Bilong Pikinini Library at Tatana Island</li><li>- Met Chief Migration Officer; Director General Border Security; Manager, Special Projects Manus RPC; Principal Legal Officer</li><li>- Interview with Liam Cochrane</li><li>- Signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Sports Commission, the National Rugby League and the PNG Department of Education</li><li>- Toured Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery.</li></ul>			

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<b>Jordan (Amman) Lebanon (Beirut) and France (Paris and Amiens)</b>	20 April to 27 April 2014	8	<p>Amman: 21 April</p> <p>Beirut: 21 to 22 April</p> <p>Paris and Amiens: 23 to 25 April</p> <p>Advisers: Mr Murray Hansen, Ms Catherine McDonald</p> <p>Departmental officers: Mr Marc Innes-Brown (Amman and Beirut) Mr Jeremy Newman (Paris and Amiens)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Amman:</b> Met King Abdullah of Jordan; Prime Minister and Minister for Defence; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates and joint press conference; met UNHCR Representative and tour of UNHCR Registration Centre; met Director of the General Intelligence Department</li> <li>- <b>Beirut:</b> Met President of Lebanon; Prime Minister of Lebanon; President of the National Assembly; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants and press conference; met Deputy Head of UNICEF Lebanon and UNHCR Representative Lebanon.</li> <li>- <b>Paris:</b> Met Minister for Foreign Affairs and joint press conference; Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy; Minister for Overseas Territories; Investment dinner; lunch with commentators on Middle East; Australia-France Tourism Industry Roundtable; met Leader of the Union for a Popular Movement; met Diplomatic Trade and Security Adviser to Prime Minister; interview with Le Figaro journalist.</li> <li>- <b>Amiens:</b> Attended ANZAC Day services and activities; lunch with Australian VIPs; presented the Sadlier-Stokes scholarships</li> </ul>			

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<b>Mexico (Mexico City)</b>	13 April to 18 April 2014	6	Advisers: Mr Harry Guinness, Ms Georgie Skipper  Departmental officers: Mr Ewen MacDonald
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mexico City:</b> Met Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs; Met Foreign Ministers from Republic of Korea, Indonesia and Turkey; met Indonesian Minister for National Development Planning Agency; Canadian Minister of International Development, and UK Secretary of State for International Development.</li><li>- Attended dinner hosted by Mexican Foreign Minister; MIKTA retreat; Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Conference; lunch hosted by Mexican President; Economic Diplomacy roundtable; interview with Mexican journalist; reception hosted by Australian Ambassador.</li><li>- Met Administrator, USAID; UN Secretary General; OECD Secretary General; Chair Development Assistance Committee OECD; EU Commissioner of Development; UNDP Administrator; signed Declaration with EU on Delegated Cooperation.</li></ul>			

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<b>China (Sanya)</b> <b>Japan (Hiroshima)</b>	8 April to 13 April 2014	6	Sanya: 9 to 10 April  Hiroshima: 11 to 12 April  Advisers: Mr James Choi, Ms Gabrielle Young  Departmental officers: Mr Peter Rowe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sanya:</b> Met People's Republic of China Foreign Minister; Premier; attended signing ceremony with the Prime Minister; attended Bo'ao Forum; met Timor Leste Prime Minister</li> <li>- <b>Hiroshima:</b> Met Japanese Foreign Minister; met UAE Minister of State; German Foreign Minister; attended the Non-proliferation and Disarmament Ministerial meeting; NPDI working lunch; attended Asialink conversations and presented keynote address; reception dinner hosted by Japanese Foreign Minister; visited Cenotaph for A-bomb victims and Peace Memorial museum; media interviews with Japanese and Australian journalists.</li> </ul>			

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<b>Netherlands (The Hague) Switzerland (Geneva, Neuchâtel and Zurich) Poland (Warsaw)</b>	22 March to 30 March 2014	9	<p>The Hague: 22 to 25 March 2014</p> <p>Geneva: 25 to 27 March 2014</p> <p>Neuchâtel: 27 March 2014</p> <p>Zurich: 27 to 28 March 2014</p> <p>Warsaw: 28 to 29 March 2014</p> <p>Advisers: Ms Gisele Kapterian, Ms Catherine McDonald</p> <p>Departmental officers: Dr Rob Floyd, Mr Stephan Bayer (The Hague) Mr Jeremy Newman (Switzerland and Poland)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The Hague:</b> Met Prime Minister of Netherlands; Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation; Queen Maxima of the Netherlands; met Republic of Korea Foreign Minister; Singapore Prime Minister; Israel Minister of Intelligence and Atomic Energy; Egypt Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; President of China; Indonesia Foreign Minister</li> <li>- Attended National Security Summit; attended a Reception and working dinner hosted by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands</li> <li>- Met CEO of Royal Dutch Shell; President of International Criminal Court; Director-General Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Director-General of International Atomic Energy Agency.</li> <li>- <b>Geneva:</b> Met Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction; Secretary General for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; A/g Director General of the United Nations Office in Geneva; Director General of World International Property Organisation; Director-General of International Red Cross; UN High Commissioner for Refugees;</li> <li>- Attended Reception for senior Australians in the international system; roundtable meeting with ICRS representatives; luncheon roundtable with heads of Geneva-based Health agencies</li> <li>- Addressed the Conference on Disarmament plenary.</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Neuchâtel:</b> Met President of the Swiss Confederation; attended lunch hosted by President of the Swiss Confederation</li><li>- <b>Zurich:</b> attended business reception for senior Swiss and Australian company executives.</li><li>- <b>Warsaw:</b> Met Polish Foreign Minister; Defence Minister; attended dinner hosted by Polish Foreign Minister; lunch with Think-tanks on strategic issues; breakfast with Macquarie Bank representatives; gave presentation at Polish Institute of Foreign Affairs; signed Holiday Working Visa MOU; met President Clean Energy; former Polish Prime Minister; Australian sponsor of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.</li></ul>			

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<b>United Kingdom (London)</b>	7 to 14 March 2014	8	Advisers: Mr Murray Hansen, Ms Gisele Kapterian  Departmental officers: Mr Peter Varghese, Mr Jeremy Newman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>London:</b> Met Foreign Minister; Defence Minister; Secretary of State for International Development;</li><li>- Attended AUKMIN Summit; breakfast at London Stock Exchange and officially opened market; Reception hosted by Commonwealth Secretary General; Wreath laying at Australian War Memorial; discussion and Q&amp;A at Chatham House; lunch hosted by Ms Cherie Blair; Reception hosted by Foreign Minister; met Mayor of London; CEO BP.</li><li>- Briefing and tour of GCHQ</li><li>- Presented Qantas Australian Woman of the Year in the UK Award</li></ul>			



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Mr Robb has travelled to the following locations. The mode of transport to each country listed has been aeroplane.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations Accompanying Staff
<b>Germany, Switzerland and Spain</b>	28 June to 6 July 2014	7	Lindau: 29 to 30 June 2014  Zurich: 1 to 2 July 2014  Madrid: 3 to 5 July 2014  Adviser: Zoe McKenzie  Departmental officers: Jeremy Newman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lindau: attended the 64th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting. Met German Federal Minister of Education and Research.</li><li>- Zurich: met leaders from Australian and Swiss insurance, pharmaceuticals, materials and finance companies based in Switzerland. Hosted a working dinner with senior Swiss and Australian business representatives.</li><li>- Madrid: met King Filipe VI, ministerial counterparts, the Europe-Australia Business Council and Spain-Australia Council Federation. Attended an Investment and Infrastructure Forum.</li></ul>			

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<b>China</b>	22 to 25 June 2014	2	Beijing: 23 to 24 June 2014  Adviser: Lyall Howard  Departmental officers: Graham Fletcher
- Beijing: attended the Australia-China Strategic Economic Dialogue with the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP. Met with the National Development and Reform Commission and the Minister for Agriculture.			

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<b>Canada and USA</b>	8 to 16 June 2014	9	Ottawa: 8/9 June 2014  New York: 10/11 June 2014  Toronto: 12 June 2014  Houston: 13/14 June 2014  Adviser: Gareth Simpson  Departmental officers: Brendon Hammer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Canada: accompanied the Prime Minister to Ottawa. Conducted a separate visit to Toronto. In Ottawa the Minister met the Governor-General, Prime Minister and Minister of International Trade. Met with senior Canadian business representatives, peak industry bodies, representatives from the resources and energy sectors and the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships. The Minister also visited the Canadian War Museum and spoke at the Munk School of Global Affairs.</li><li>- USA: accompanied the Prime Minister to New York and Houston. In New York the Minister visited an East Side Access Project, hosted an Investment Roundtable and met with the American Australian Association, the Council on Foreign Relations, US investors and major financial institutions. In Houston the Minister visited Rice University, Schlumberger, Texas Medical Centre, hosted a Roundtable Discussion on Australian Areas of Medical Research, attended a reception and dinner hosted by the Asia Society and met BHP Billiton, the Australian American Chamber of Commerce and US business leaders.</li></ul>			

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<b>China and Singapore</b>	16 to 20 May 2014	5	<p>Qingdao: 16 to 18 May 2014</p> <p>Singapore: 19 to 20 May 2014</p> <p>Adviser: Pru Gordon</p> <p>Departmental officers: Jan Adams, Chris De Cure, Sam Gerovich, John Larkin</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qingdao: attended the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade meeting in Qingdao. Met ministerial counterparts from Chile, PNG, Indonesia, China, ROK, Malaysia, New Zealand, Canada and Taiwan. Met Senior officials from Shandong Province and Qingdao City.</li><li>- Singapore: attended Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Ministerial Meeting. Met ministerial counterpart from Japan.</li></ul>			

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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days Away</b>	<b>Locations Accompanying Staff</b>
<b>France and Germany</b>	3 to 10 May 2014	6	Paris: 4 to 7 May 2014  Frankfurt: 8 to 9 May 2014  Adviser: Zoe McKenzie  Departmental Officers: Jan Adams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Paris: attended the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting; B20 Trade Taskforce Meeting; OECD G20 Seminar on Global Value Chains and the launch of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme. Met OECD Secretary-General, WTO Director-General, ministerial counterparts from France, Japan, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, and Germany. Attended meetings on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Industrial Revival and the Digital Economy. Attended a Resources and Energy Investment dinner and hosted an informal WTO meeting of Trade Ministers.</li><li>- Frankfurt: attended an Australian Business Luncheon and chaired a G20 &amp; B20 Dinner. Met with Fresenius SE; Germany Trade &amp; Invest; Deutsche Bank; Bosch and German Bundesbank.</li></ul>			

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<b>United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia</b>	12 to 18 April 2014	7	Dubai/Abu Dhabi: 12 to 14 April 2014  Riyadh: 15 to 17 April 2014  Adviser: Pru Gordon  Departmental officers: Marc Innes-Brown, Jenny Grant-Curnow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dubai/Abu Dhabi: met ministerial counterparts for Foreign Affairs; Economy, Culture, Youth &amp; Social Development, and Higher Education &amp; Scientific Research. Attended the opening of Australia Unlimited in Dubai; the Council on Australia-Arab Relations (CAAR) Energy, Water &amp; Food Nexus Policy Forum; and the Future Unlimited Education &amp; Research Seminar. Met with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA); Etihad Airways; Dubai Electricity and Water Authority; Emirates Group; Dubai Expo 2020 Preparatory Committee and the Investment Corporation of Dubai.</li><li>- Riyadh: met ministerial counterpart in Commerce &amp; Industry. Met the Saudi Commission for Tourism &amp; Antiquities; Council of Saudi Chambers; Technical and Vocational Training Corporation; Saudi Australia Business Council; Kingdom Holding Company; and the Gulf Cooperation Council. Met with members of the Economic Affairs &amp; Energy Committee, Shura Council, and members of the Saudi-Australia Friendship Committee. Chaired a Roundtable with Saudi Alumni of Australian Universities. Attended the opening of the Council on Australian-Arab Relations (CAAR) / International Energy Forum (IEF), Water &amp; Food Nexus Policy Forum, an Australia Unlimited Reception and an Australian Food &amp; Agriculture Investment Seminar. Visited the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE). Visited ServCorp facilities in Saudi Arabia.</li></ul>			

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<b>Japan, Republic of Korea and China</b>	4 to 12 April 2014	7	Tokyo: 4 to 7 April 2014  Seoul: 8 April 2014  Chengdu: 9 April 2014  Shanghai: 10 to 11 April 2014  Advisers: Lyall Howard, Cameron Hill, Gareth Simpson  Departmental officers: Jan Adams, Peter Rowe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tokyo: accompanied Prime Minister Abbott, met the Prime Minister of Japan and the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Attended the Friends of Australia BBQ lunch, attended the Prime Minister's launch of the New Colombo Plan in Japan, met with Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and attended education and food &amp; beverage roundtables.</li><li>- Seoul: accompanied Prime Minister Abbott, met the President of the Republic of Korea and senior officials from Trade, Industry and Energy, signed the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement with Trade Minister Yoon in front of President Park and Prime Minister Abbott, attended an Energy and Resources Roundtable and met with business leaders from Australia and ROK.</li><li>- China: accompanied Prime Minister Abbott, attended events for Australia Week in China and met with senior officials in Shanghai. Launched the E-commerce JD.com online retail promotion, attended the opening ceremony for the ANZ FTZ Branch and attended the Australia-China CEO Investment Roundtable. Met with senior officials from Sichuan, attended events relating to tourism, infrastructure and mining, signed the MOU to establish the Australian Sichuan Trade and Investment Roundtable and visited the ANZ Operations Hub in Chengdu.</li></ul>			

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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days Away</b>	<b>Locations Accompanying Staff</b>
<b>Japan and China</b>	25 March to 1 April 2014	6	Tokyo: 26 March 2014  Hong Kong/Shenzhen: 27 March to 1 April 2014  Adviser: Angus Barker  Departmental officers: Jan Adams, Peter Rowe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tokyo: met ministerial counterparts in Economy, Trade and Industry, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Economic Revitalisation, Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Foreign Affairs.</li><li>- Hong Kong/Shenzhen: delivered the keynote address at the Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference and the AIC and the Mines and Money Conference. Met senior officials and business people from industry, sport, tourism, media, investment, resources and finance. Visited transport facilities and met with corporate leaders in Shenzhen.</li></ul>			



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Senator Mason has travelled to the following locations. The mode of transport to each country listed has been aeroplane.

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<b>Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland</b>	23 June to 3 July 2014	11	Amsterdam: 24 June 2014  Brussels: 25 June 2014  Geneva: 26 to 28 June 2014  Zurich: 29/30 June 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff  Departmental staff: Rose Roxburgh, Alison Matthews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Amsterdam: Met with Officials from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Europol Officials</li><li>- Brussels: Attended Global Partnership for Education conference, a UNICEF &amp; UNESCO education event and met representatives from the European Commission</li><li>- Geneva and Ittingen: Met with Gavi Officials, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNHCR Officials, Red Cross Officials and attended Tidewater.</li></ul>			

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<b>Kiribati</b>	27 to 29 May 2014	2	Tarawa: 27 to 29 May 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Represented the Minister for Trade and Investment at the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Minister's Meeting (FTMM).</li><li>- Attended bilateral meetings with Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Secretary of the Ministry of Communications, Transport And Tourism Development</li><li>- Opened the Betio Maternity Ward at the Betio Hospital</li></ul>			

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<b>Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong</b>	18 to 24 May 2014	5	Jakarta: 18 to 20 May 2014  Singapore: 20 May to 22 May 2014  Hong Kong: 22 May to 23 May 2014  Advisers: Kai Luck  Departmental staff: Kate Duff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Indonesia: met with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Education and Culture along with senior University officials at BINUS university</li><li>- Singapore: met with Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Minister of State. Participated in roundtable discussions with Singapore University representatives.</li><li>- Hong Kong: met with acting Secretary for Education and Deputy Secretary for Education. Participated in roundtable discussions with AustCham Members. Met with Vice-Chancellor of Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong Institute of Education.</li></ul>			

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<b>Cook Islands, New Zealand and Samoa</b>	4 to 10 May 2014	6	Rarotonga: 4 to 6 May 2014  Auckland: 7 to 8 May 2014 Lost one day due to travel over the date line  Apia: 9 to 10 May 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff  Departmental officers: Matt Anderson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rarotonga: called on Prime Minister Puna. Attended meeting with the New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs prior to attending the Pacific Islands Forum Special Leaders Retreat.</li><li>- Auckland: met Chairman and Chief Executive of Pacific Cooperation Foundation</li><li>- Apia: met with Prime Minister Malielegaoi and toured the Pacific transnational Crime Coordination Centre. Visited Australian assistance to cyclone affected areas near Apia and announced economic infrastructure program. Inspected Australia-Pacific College, Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa and the UN SIDS conference venue (Tuanaimoto Sports Complex). Met with senior Samoan women.</li></ul>			

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<b>Fiji</b>	27 to 29 April 2014	2	Suva: 27 to 29 April 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff  Departmental officers: Simon Starr
- Met Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Foreign Minister other Ministers and other officials. Attended the signing of PIFS agreement and the launch of the new funding agreement for the University of the South Pacific. Met with Elections Commissioners and attended the launch of Sigatoka Hospital.			

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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days Away</b>	<b>Locations Accompanying Staff</b>
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	10 to 11 April 2014	2	Honiara: 10 to 11 April 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff  Departmental officers: Matt Kimberley, Simon Mamouney
- Met Prime Minister, government officials and RAMSI members regarding National Disaster Management due to flooding. Visited flood affected areas, evacuation centre, the National Disaster Management Office and the Defence Survey team.			

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Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations Accompanying Staff
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	6 to 9 April 2014	3	Madang: 7 April 2014  Port Moresby: 8/9 April 2014  Advisers: Arthur Chrenkoff  Departmental officers: Christian Hirst
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Madang: Visited Divine Word University and met with University Officials. Visited Maritime College and the Lutheran School of Nursing.</li><li>- Port Moresby: Attended ground breaking ceremony for an Australian aid-funded facility and met with the Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology and Education representatives. Called on Minister for Sports, Pacific Games and National Events. Attended wreath laying ceremony at Bomana War Cemetery and met with women leaders and gender equality advocates. Visited water aid project and Lifeline PNG. Met business representatives and Government Ministers.</li></ul>			

(3) The Department of Finance covers the cost of ministerial travel overseas. As at 14 July 2014, the last report on Ministerial Entitlements provided by DOF covered the period 1 January to 30 June 2013.

(5) Forward travel plans are a question for the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 305**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Grants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.
2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

**Answer**

1. A list of the department's grants is publicly available on the department's website, including details of the grant recipient, amount, purpose and funding location.
2. We do not currently hold data relating to grants approved prior to February 2014 that did not have a grant agreement in place in February 2014. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 306**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Government payment of accounts**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?
6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
7. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer**

- A. The 2013-14 statistics relating to payments to small business will be collated following the end of the financial year and provided to the Department of Industry in response to their yearly survey. To collate this data at this stage of the year will entail significant diversion of resources and in these circumstances I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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B. N/A due to response to Part A.

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. Departmental practices accord with the requirements outlined in Finance Circular 2012/02 Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. The department is aware of late payment interest penalty being paid since Additional Estimates in February 2014 totaling \$81.41 to small business across all supplier categories.

H. The interest charge is calculated in accordance with the Finance Circular 2012/02 Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. The penalty interest rate was determined at the General Interest Charge (GIC) daily rate for the applicable quarter as detailed on the Australian Taxation Office website.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 307**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Question time**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?
4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  1. If so, when does this occur?
  2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

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#### **Answer**

1. The Parliamentary Engagement Unit (PRU) is responsible for the management of Ministerial briefing packs for the purposes of Question Time. During a Parliamentary sitting period the PRU, consisting of one EL2, one EL1 and one APS5, consults on a daily basis within the Department on the preparation of briefing material for the Ministers.
2. As foreign policy and trade matters vary from day to day and briefs are prepared by officers across the Department, there is no way of calculating the time spent each sitting day on preparing Ministerial briefing packs for the purposes of Question Time.
3. No.
4. No.
5. In accordance with long standing practice, it is not appropriate to provide Departmental briefing material prepared for Ministers.

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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

### **Question No 308**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Meeting costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

### **Answer**

1. Information on DFAT expenditure on meeting costs is not separately recorded. Details of specific meeting costs are maintained on individual files across the department's domestic and overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
2. See answer to 1.
3. Information on planned meeting costs is not separately recorded. Details of planned meeting costs are maintained on individual files across the department's domestic and overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
4. See answer to 3.

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**Question No 309**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Hire cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer**

1. For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 the department spent \$92,323 on car hire in Australia through agreements with Thrifty and Europcar.

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow for the breakdown of hire car costs for each business group. To provide details in this format would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

2. Car hire is undertaken by officers within Australia and overseas in undertaking official business and executing operational requirements.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 310**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Executive coaching and leadership training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:

1. Total spending on these services
2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:
  - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
  - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
  - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - e) The total amount spent on the service
  - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
  - a) The location used
  - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?
7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.

#### **Answer**

1. From 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, \$345,602 was spent on leadership training and executive coaching.
2. Leadership training and executive coaching is available to all executive employees at EL1, EL2 and SES levels.
3. A total of 121 executive employees (EL1, EL2 and SES) engaged in leadership training and executive coaching during this period. Study leave was not granted to these employees for their training.
4.
  - a) Providers engaged for leadership training were Australian Institute of Company Directors; Melbourne Business School; the Australian Public Service Commission; Centre for Public Management; the Australian Government School of Management; Saïd Business School Oxford University; Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy; Harvard Kennedy School Boston; Australian New Zealand School of Government; Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade and Negotiations; National Security College; and Yellow Edge PTY LTD. Providers engaged for executive coaching services were Yellow Edge PTY LTD; Amanda Horne PTY LTD; Dragonfly Consulting and Coaching; Sue Adams Coaching and Facilitation Services; Right Management; Adept Career Moves; Tempo Strategies; Business Wide Consulting; and JennGen Consulting.
  - b) Executive coaching services were provided on a one-on-one basis while all leadership training services were group based.
  - c) A total of 121 executive employees (EL1, EL2 and SES) engaged in leadership training and executive coaching during this period.
  - d) 2,331 hours. EL1: 1166 hours; EL2: 468 hours; SES: 697.
  - e) From 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, \$345,602 was spent on leadership training and executive coaching.
  - f) Leadership training services are provided as a package fee. Executive coaching is offered at an hourly rate.
- 5.



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- a) External training locations that were used were Australian Institute of Company Directors; Melbourne Business School; the Australian Public Service Commission; Centre for Public Management; the Australian Government School of Management; SAID Business School Oxford University; Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy; Harvard Kennedy School Boston; Australian New Zealand School of Government; Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade and Negotiations; and National Security College.
  - b) 61 executive employees (EL1-SES officers) participated in leadership training services at external training locations.
  - c) 61 executive employees, (EL1-SES officers) participated in leadership training services at external training locations. This totalled 1,901 hours for all executive employees. EL1: 780 hours; EL2: 435 hours; SES: 687.
  - d) Nil.
6. The terms of employment of a DFAT officer do not relate to the training that they complete.
7. Masters of National Security (3 x EL1); Executive Masters of Public Administration (2 x EL2); Masters in Strategic Studies (1 x EL2); Master of Business (1 x EL2); PhD in Management (1 x EL2). Master of Public Policy and Management (1 x SES). All officers have been granted study leave to complete their post graduate study.

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### Question No 311

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing profile**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?
2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)

### Answer

Table 1 details the current staffing profile of the department.

	30 June 2014		
Location	Female	Male	Total APS
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>2,779</b>
<b>Overseas Post - By Regions</b>			
Americas	28	45	73
Asia			
<i>North Asia</i>	31	54	85
<i>South Asia</i>	39	46	85
<i>South East Asia</i>	112	102	214
Total Asia	182	202	384
Europe	45	50	95
Middle East and Africa	47	61	108
Multilateral <sup>1</sup>	20	29	49
New Zealand and the South Pacific	80	78	158
<b>Total Staff at Posts</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>867</b>
<b>Staff in state and territory offices - including APO</b>			
Queensland	40	18	58
Victoria	63	26	89
Western Australia	31	10	41
New South Wales	59	22	81
South Australia	13	5	18
Tasmania	4	5	9
Northern Territory	5	2	7
<b>State &amp; Territory Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Total APS Staff Numbers <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>3,949</b>

<sup>1</sup> Posts in this category are Geneva UN, Geneva WTO, New York UN, Paris OECD and Vienna.

<sup>2</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors. Staff numbers at overseas posts include staff on language training, short term missions, and in transit.

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Table 2 details the classification level by headcount

Headcount by Level	30 June 2014		
	Total	% of Staff by level	% of TOTAL workforce (APS and LES)
SES	266	6.7%	4.2%
EL2	589	14.9%	9.2%
EL1	1,307	33.1%	20.4%
APS6	620	15.7%	9.7%
BB2 (APS4/5)	1,008	25.5%	15.8%
BB1 (APS1/2/3) <sup>1</sup>	152	3.8%	2.4%
Medical Officers	7	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Total APS</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
<b>Locally Engaged Staff</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
<b>Total Workforce <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes graduates and cadets/trainees

<sup>2</sup> Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors.

Table 3 details the division and Australian location by headcount

Headcount as at 30 June 2014								
Division	Canberra	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia
Americas Division	29							
Australian Passports Office	140	74	4	50	13	6	81	35
Australian Safeguards & Non-Proliferation Office	17							
Consular and Crisis Management Division	63							
Contracting and Aid Management Division	101							
Corporate Management Division	330							
Corporate Overheads <sup>1</sup>	434							
Development Policy Division	103							
Europe Division	26							
Executive & Administrative Division	131							
Free Trade Agreement Division	53							
Graduates, Trainees and Cadets Division <sup>2</sup>	44							
Humanitarian Division	56							
Information Management and Technology Division	243							
International Security Division	47							
Legal Division	72							
Middle East and Africa Division	54							
Multilateral Development and Partnership Division	75							
Multilateral Policy Division	95							
North Asia Division	37							
Office of Trade Negotiations	84							
Overseas Property Office	50							
Pacific Division	125			2				
Public Diplomacy and Communication Division	101							
South and West Asia Division	67							
South-East Asia Mainland and Regional Division	44							
South-East Asia Maritime Division	53							
Trade and Economic Diplomacy Division	105	7	3	6	5	3	8	6
<b>Total APS staff <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2779</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>41</b>

<sup>1</sup> Corporate Overheads includes staff on long term leave, leave without pay, language training, staff in transit to/from post, temporary movements, seconded to other agencies and staff covered by the Members of Parliament.

<sup>2</sup> Graduates, Trainees and Cadets who are not currently placed in division, includes staff on leave and/or training blocks.

<sup>3</sup> All staff numbers are based on Australia locations only at snapshot date of 30 June. Staff numbers do not include locally engaged staff, ACC deployees or non-payroll contractors.

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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

### **Question No 312**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing recruitment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

1. How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?
3. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

### **Answer**

1. 58 ongoing APS staff were recruited since February 2014 to 30 June 2014. Comprising:

APS 1 - 3	46 (including 2014 Graduate intake)
APS 4 - 5	4
APS 6	2
EL1	3
EL2	1
SES	2

2. 6 non-ongoing APS staff commenced since February 2014. Comprising:

APS 1 - 3	1
APS 4 - 5	4
Medical Officer	1

3. 6 non-ongoing APS staff commenced since February 2014. The average length of their employment period is 12 months.

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**Question No 313**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Coffee machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
  - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
  - b) Why were coffee machines purchased?
  - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  - d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
  - e) Who has access?
  - f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
  - g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff usage?
  - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
  - b) Why are coffee machines rented?
  - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  - d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?

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- e) Who has access?
- f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
- g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee

**Answer**

It is not Departmental practice to purchase or rent coffee machines for staff.

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**Question No 314**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Printing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?
  - a) If so, what companies were used?
  - b) How were they selected?
  - c) What was the total cost of this printing?

**Answer**

Printing is decentralised and is managed and budgeted individually across each overseas post and by seven state and territory offices, according to their varying requirements.

Aggregating printing costs across all DFAT offices, both overseas and in Australia, would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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**Question No 315**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
2. Where is the car/s located?
3. What is the car/s used for?
4. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
5. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?
7. Where are the cars located?
8. What are the cars used for?
9. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
10. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

**Answer**

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade owns 648 cars, which includes fleet vehicles overseas.
2. The vehicles owned by DFAT are dispersed across our posts overseas.
3. DFAT maintains vehicle fleets at its overseas posts to facilitate post operations and to meet the everyday official transport needs of the post. Vehicles are provided to facilitate effective discharge of the mission's operational requirements
4. Details and breakup of costs are maintained on individual files across DFAT's overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.



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5. Details of car mileage are maintained on individual files across DFAT's overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
6. Eighty eight vehicles are leased by the department as part of the executive vehicle scheme. A further six vehicles are leased by DFAT.
7. The eighty eight vehicles leased as part of the executive vehicle scheme are located primarily in Canberra. Of the six other leased vehicles, four are located in Canberra and two in New York.
8. The vehicles are used for logistics, diplomatic and consular matters and Department business matters.
9. Details and breakup of costs are maintained on individual files across DFAT. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
10. Details of car mileage are maintained on individual files across DFAT. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 316**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer**

1. Information on DFAT expenditure on taxis is not separately recorded. It would entail significant diversion of resources to collate this expenditure and to break it down into business groups. In the circumstances, I do not consider that additional work can be justified.
2. Taxis are utilised by officers within Australia and overseas in undertaking official business and executing operational requirement

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**Question No 317**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
4. If so, which ones and why?

**Answer**

1. Details of consultancy contracts valued at or more than \$10,000 can be found on AusTender.
2. There are currently no planned procurements for consultancies for the remainder of 2014. Any major planned procurements for consultancies are included in the Annual Procurement Plan which is available on AusTender.
3. N/A.
4. N/A.

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**Question No 318**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Passport checks**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Are all passports of air passengers checked against the Movement Alert List
2. Does the MAL contain lists of lost and stolen passports from Interpol
3. how frequently are lost and stolen passports updated to the MAL
4. how many checks of lost and stolen passports database from Interpol were undertaken?
5. Are transiting visitors checked against any database?
6. What rules govern the checking of the validity are required of incoming flights to Australia?
7. Are bulk uploads of the details of cancelled passports from the former Russian federation made to the MAL?
8. Why are the interpol lists not bulk uploaded in a similar fashion?
9. What is the nature of those on the PAL/CMAL listed under Health Concerns
10. How many Controversial Visitors have been added to the PAL since September 7th 2013?

**Answer**

These questions are a matter for the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

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### **Question No 319**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: DFAT Website - Follow up questions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

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### **Question**

Follow up questions with reference to the following questions:

Additional Estimates, 2014

### **Q No 212 – Ministerial Website**

As stated at Estimates in June 2014, as is standard practice for portfolio departments, DFAT is responsible for the maintenance of websites for the foreign minister, the trade and investment minister and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The decision to redevelop the three websites was taken by the department in December 2012

1. Please provide a total cost break down for each Minister's website.

From 7 September 2013 – March 2014 a total of \$113,130 has been expended on the Ministerial websites. The department cannot attribute a cost breakdown to each individual website, as this was undertaken as part of a broader program to replace the department's aging legacy website infrastructure.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

Testing:	\$68,044
Training:	\$19,867
Release Management:	\$15,098
Deployment:	\$10,121

The on-going support costs for these websites over this period were \$12,854. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Web Management	
- Software Costs:	\$6,392
- Break Fix Maintenance:	\$650
Common Corporate Productivity Applications	
- Software Costs:	\$1,741
- Break Fix Maintenance:	\$965
Overheads:	\$3,106

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2. With regard to 'Website Testing':  
a) Please detail what this work involved.

The work required to test a website follows a standard departmental testing process, steps required include:

- The development of a test plan;
- The development of test scripts;
- The execution of test scripts – including User Acceptance Testing;
- The reporting of any defects;
- The remediation of any defects found;
- The retesting of resolved defects;
- The development of a test report; and
- The test report review and approval.

- b) Why was it necessary?

The purpose of testing is to verify the website meets the functional, performance, design, and implementation requirements identified in the specifications.

- c) Who was contracted to provide this service?

This is a departmental function; specialist ICT staff are used for the testing of the department's websites.

3. What was the selection process for selecting this firm?

Not applicable, departmental staff are used to conduct website testing.

4. With Regard to 'Training':  
a) Please detail what this work involved.

- The execution of a Training Needs Analysis;
- The development of a Training Approach and Plan;
- The deployment of the Training Plan and Handover Strategy; and
- A set of eLearning and Training Materials for each audience.

- b) Why was it necessary?

The department has moved all corporate web sites to a new content management system specifically designed to meet new government accessibility standards. Departmental staff required training in how to navigate and update content in the new content management system.

- b) Who was contracted to provide this service?

K2 Knowledge Solutions Pty Ltd

5. What was the selection process for selecting this firm?

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The provider had significant experience in the delivery of e-learning training content to the department's global workforce.

Please break down by:

- a) What form of tender process was undertaken?

No tender was undertaken by the department. The vendor was sole sourced through the government procurement panel arrangements.

- b) How many firms were approached for quotes

One, K2 Knowledge Solutions Pty Ltd.

- c) Please provide the original quote for the work.

The original quote for the training activity was for \$70,000. The part of the quote that covered training for the Ministers' websites is \$19,000.

- d) How the firm was approached.

A formal meeting was held with the vendor.

- e) Who suggested that the firm be approached?

The firm was suggested by departmental staff with prior experience with the vendor.

- f) Was there any minister or ministerial staff direction or communication regarding the process, if so who was involved and what form did the communication involve

No

- g) People involved in making the decision.

Departmental staff with the appropriate delegation.

- h) Any other quotes, how much they were for and why they were rejected.

No other quotes were sought.

- i) Was a panel selection process used, if not why not

No. A direct source procurement was carried out.

- j) How many hours of training was done?

Development of training documentation and delivery equated to 360 hours for Ministers web sites. The artefacts developed are being reused for other

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web sites and ongoing training.

6. With regard to 'Website release management'. Please detail what this work involved.

The standard departmental web site release management process was followed:

- Ensure content on new website reflects the content on the current website;
- Obtain User Acceptance Testing sign-off;
- Update metadata in accordance with government standards;
- Release website to preproduction environment ready for deployment;
- Test the website in preproduction;
- Prepare production environment;
- Complete testing of the production environment;
- Deploy the website into the Production environment(s);
- Configure the website publishing between environments; and
- Update configuration files, buttons, external links and test connectivity.

7. Why was it necessary?

Website release management is a series of verification steps and tasks to ensure a seamless release. This is a standard process for rollout of any IT systems.

8. Who was contracted to provide this service?

Departmental capability was used for this activity.

9. What was the selection process for selecting this firm?

Not applicable, departmental staff have been used for this process.

10. With regard to 'Website deployment'. Please detail what this work involved.

The standard DFAT website deployment management process was followed:

- Update domain name details and configuration changes;
- Cut over from the existing website to the new website;
- Communication of upcoming website deployment to business owners;
- Successful external penetration/vulnerability testing on live website; and
- Update tools for things such as: link checking, web site statistics and accessibility.



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11. Why was it necessary?

The above steps were necessary in order to deploy the new SharePoint Ministers' websites into production.

12. Who was contracted to provide this service?

Existing internal capability was used for this activity.

13. What was the selection process for selecting this firm?

Not applicable, departmental staff were used to undertake this capability.

14. Was any new content created for the Minister's website? Please detail.

No new content was created for the Minister's websites.

15. How many page views does the minister's website receive since it went live?

Since relaunching on 25 March 2014, Ministerial websites have received 322,066 page views (25 March 2014 to 6 July 2014).

16. How are the other departmental websites managed? Why weren't departmental staff used to manage this website?

Departmental websites are managed by departmental staff.

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**Question No 320**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Vaccine Programs and Spying**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

In light of the US government and the CIA committing to not use vaccination programs for spying will ASIO and ASIS make the same commitment not to use vaccination or public health programs or staff for spying?

**Answer**

As a matter of principle and long-standing practice, the Government does not comment on intelligence matters.

Our intelligence agencies operate under strict accountability and oversight arrangements, including through the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security and the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

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**Question No 321**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Appointments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.
5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail t

**Answer**

1. None
2. Efic's Board gender ratio is 2 female members to 5 male members (not including ex officio members)
3. See DFAT response. Efic board members are appointed by the Minister for Trade and Investment in consultation with Cabinet.
4. See DFAT response.
5. See DFAT response.

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### Question No 322

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting?
2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting?

### Answer

1. Efic is not required to maintain a list of all interactions with representatives listed on the lobbyist register.

However, since Additional Estimates in February 2014 Efic has records of meetings with:

Organisation	Representative	Meeting details & Topic of discussion
Bespoke Approach	Ian Smith, Partner	<p>Bespoke Approach advised Nyrstar with regard to the financing package for the Nystar Port Pirie transformation project.</p> <p>Efic assisted the South Australian Government in structuring the financing package. During this process, members of Efic's structured trade and project finance team participated in regular calls with those involved in the project over the period August 2012-June 2014.</p> <p>Call participants included Mr Smith, representatives of Nyrstar, the Federal and South Australian Government Agencies.</p>

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**Question No 323**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.
2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.
3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

**Answer**

1. Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (Efic) Workplace Agreement 2008-2011.
2. 11 February 2008 to 11 February 2011.
3. Efic does not intend to negotiate a replacement enterprise agreement at this time.

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### **Question No 324**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Staff Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

1. How many people does your department employ?
2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?
3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?
4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?
5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?
6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?
7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?
8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013
9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?
10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.
11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.
12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.
13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.
14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.
15. For every transferred employee please provide an explanation for their transfer?

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16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?

17. Please provide all relevant dates.

### Answer

1. As at 30 June 2014 the total number of Efic staff is 97.

2. As at 30 June 2013 the breakdown was as follows:

State	No.	Gender		Age					SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract Type	
		F	M	20	30	40	50	60			Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	87	40	46	6	29	26	24	1	7	79	83	3
WA	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

3. As at 30 June 2014, the breakdown was as follows:

State	No.	Gender		Age					SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract Type	
		F	M	20	30	40	50	60			Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	89	46	47	9	29	28	23	0	8	81	88	1
WA	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
QLD	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
VIC	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0

4. Nil

5. Not applicable

6. Nil

7. Nil

8. Not applicable

9. Not applicable

10. Not applicable

11. Not applicable

12. Not applicable

13. Not applicable

14. Not applicable

15. Not applicable

16. Not applicable

17. Not applicable

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**Question No 325**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. How many of these positions were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?



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6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:
  - a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.
  - b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).
  - c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.
  - d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.
  - e. Please provide all relevant dates.
7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:
  - a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.
  - b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.
  - c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.
  - d. Please provide all relevant dates.
8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?
  - a. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:
  - a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located.
  - b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).

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- c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.
- d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.
- e. Please provide all relevant dates.

### **Answer**

- 1. One
  - a) 1.
  - b) Not applicable.
  - c) Nil.
- 2. Nil.
- 3. Nil.
- 4. Nil.
- 5. Nil.
- 6. Not applicable.
- 7. Not applicable.
- 8. 1.
  - a. 1.
  - b. Nil.
  - c. None.
- 9. Nil.
- 10.
  - a. 50-60, male, due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, position description cannot be provided, non SES-equivalent, due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, wage cannot be provided, ongoing, NSW.
  - b. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, details of pay out and entitlements cannot be provided.
  - c. Outplacement fee: \$5,455.00
  - d. Reorganisation of business structure.
  - e. Employed from March 2008 to May 2014.

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## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

### **Question No 326**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Hiring**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?
2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?
3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?
4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?
5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.
6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.
7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?
  - a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.

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8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?
  - a. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.
9. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?
10. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?
11. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.
12. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.
13. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.
14. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?
15. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?
16. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?

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- a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.
17. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.
18. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.

### **Answer**

Note: Efic is not an APS body and as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

1. 1
2. Efic define ongoing contracts as those employed under the Efic Act 1991 (Cth) under ongoing terms and renewable 5 year statutory contracts.  
As at 30 June 2014, Efic employ 96 ongoing staff.
3. Nil
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. 1
  - a. Age: 30-40
  - b. Male

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- c. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, the position description cannot be provided.
- d. Due to the ability to identify the individual from this information, wage cannot be provided.
- e. Non SES equivalent
- f. Not an APS employee
- g. End of contract
- h. Original contract from November 2009 – December 2010. Extended eight times over the period December 2010- June 2013. Contracted terminated in October 2013.

9. 1

10. Not applicable

11. Not applicable

12. Not applicable

13. Not applicable

14. 18

15. Not applicable

16. Not applicable

17. Not applicable

18. Not applicable

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**Question No 327**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Existing Resources Program**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?***
- 2. List each project or piece of work***
- 3. List the staffing assigned to each task***
- 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?***
- 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 328**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Since 7 September 2013;*

- 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contract. When was it formed or created?*
- 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?*
- 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?*
- 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?*
- 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?*
- 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?*
- 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?*
- 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?*
- 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?*

**Answer**

Efic routinely enters contracts in supporting Australian exporters, as well as in its business operations. It does so as principal and not as a Department or Agency managing third parties.



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Efic does not require limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticism of Government policy in the contracts it enters. Certain contracts Efic enters into contain confidentiality undertakings for genuine commercial in confidence information.

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**Question No 329**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Reviews**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:***
  - a) the date they were ordered***
  - b) the date they commenced***
  - c) the minister responsible***
  - d) the department responsible***
  - e) the nature of the review***
  - f) their terms of reference***
  - g) the scope of the review***
  - h) Whom is conducting the review***
  - i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review***
  - j) the expected report date***
  - k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs***
  - l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public***
- 2. *For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?***
  - a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names***
  - b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent***
  - c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item***
  - d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement***

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- e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.*
  - f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them*
  - g) If yes, for each, who selected them*
  - h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,*
    - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was*
    - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list*
    - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur*
    - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department*
    - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur*
- 3. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going?**
- a) Please list them.*
  - b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?*
- 4. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.**
- 5. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.**
- 6. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.**
- 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?**
- 8. What reviews are planned?**
- a) When will each planned review be commenced?*
  - b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?*
  - c) When will government respond to each review?*
  - d) Will the government release each review?*
    - i. If so, when? If not, why not?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 330**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Computers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used*
- 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location*
- 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs*

**Answer**

1. Not applicable
- 2.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Leased</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total cost</b>
<b>EFIC Desktop+</b>	138	No	All states	\$224,693.30
<b>Pool computer resources^</b>	6	No	NSW	\$12, 502.25
<b>Permanently allocated resources#</b>	10	No	All states	\$20,626.20

\*All states consists of NSW, WA, VIC and QLD

+ All desk workstations allocated to staff.

^ Laptops available for staff use while travelling /working from home.

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# Laptops permanently allocated to users for ongoing out-of-office use.

3. Operating system - Windows 7 to Windows 8.1  
Contractual arrangement: EFIC licenses its operating software with Government Microsoft Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA II) and Core Desktop License (CDL).  
Annual ongoing licensing cost is \$3,032.68

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**Question No 331**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Briefings for other parties**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:**
  - a) How are briefings requests commissioned?**
  - b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
  - c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
  - d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
  - e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.**
  - f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?**

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Question No 332**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Office recreational facilities**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?***
  - a. If so, list these***
  - b. If so, list the total cost for these items***
  - c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
  - d. If so, where were these purchased***
  - e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased***
  - f. If so, what is the current location for these items?***
  - g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?***

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Question No 333**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Stationery requirements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office***
- 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.***

**Answer**

1. Not applicable.
2. Stationery costs for the period November 2013 to 30 June 2014 were \$31,339.



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**Question No 334**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Electronic equipment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.***
  - a) List the items***
  - b) List the items location or normal location***
  - c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level***
  - d) List the total cost of the items***
  - e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items***
  - f) List the date they were provided to the office***
  - g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 335**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Media subscriptions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.**
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?**
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
- 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.**
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?**
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
- 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?**
  - a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.**
  - b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?**
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**

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- 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?**
- a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.**
- b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?**
- d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?**

**Answer**

Note: Efic does not provide any media subscriptions for the Minister's Office.

1. Efic has a subscription with pay TV provider Foxtel for units positioned in common staff areas of the building.

Efic subscribes to FOXTEL's Business Package. Subscription to this package is for the purpose of staff use and enables access to relevant current affairs, business, and financial and public affairs information relevant to Efic work.

The cost of Efic's pay-TV subscription from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date was \$1,250.

2. Efic has subscriptions for the following newspapers:

- Sydney Morning Herald
- Australian Financial Review
- The Australian
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Financial Times

All newspaper subscriptions are for the purposes of staff use and enable access to relevant business, financial and other news relevant to Efic work.

Efic records newspaper and magazine subscription expenditure in aggregate. Newspaper and magazine subscription costs for the period February 2014 to 30 June 2014 was \$23,430.

- 3-4. Efic's magazine and other publication subscriptions include the following:

- Trade Finance
- The Economist
- Australian Journal of Mining
- BRW
- Global Trade Review
- IPI Euromoney
- Thomson Reuters IFR
- KangaNews

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- MiningNews.net
- Petroleum News
- PNG News
- Project Finance
- PFI
- Basis Point
- Mining Monthly
- Australian Taxation Reporter
- AB&F
- AFMA

All magazine/other publication subscriptions are for the purposes of staff use and enable access to business, financial and other news relevant to Efic work.

See response to Question 2 for aggregate expenditure.

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**Question No 336**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Media monitoring**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a) *Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
  - b) *What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) *Itemise these expenses.***
- 2. *What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - a) *Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
  - b) *What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?***
  - c) *Itemise these expenses***

**Answer**

1. Not applicable
2.
  - a. iSentia
  - b. \$8,963.56
  - c. Media monitoring and clipping service

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**Question No 337**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Media training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:**
  - a) Total spending on these services**
  - b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services**
  - c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification**
  - d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification**
  - e) The names of all service providers engaged**
  - f) the location that this training was provided**
- 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:**
  - a) The name and nature of the service purchased**
  - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based**
  - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)**
  - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)**
  - e) The total amount spent on the service**
  - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)**
- 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:**
  - a. The location used**
  - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion**

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- c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)*
- d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location*

#### Answer

Efic is not an APS body and as such, APS employment classifications are not applicable to Efic staff.

- 1-2. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 Efic has provided the following media training:

Training	Provider	Structure	No. of employees	Total hours	Total spend	Description of fees
Interview and presentation skills training	SenateSHJ	One on one	1	4	\$4,611	Fixed quote

3. Not applicable.

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**Question No 338**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Provision of equipment - ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

- 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?**
  - a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification**
- 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.**

### Answer

1. Not applicable
2. Efic provides the following electronic equipment to staff for both temporary and/or ongoing use:

Equipment	Purchase Cost	No. of staff with ongoing home use	No. of "pool resources" for temporary staff use	Total no. of items
Home desktop	\$4636.11	3	0	3
iPads	\$14,904.94	11	8	19
Smart Phones	\$77,538	84	0	84
Laptops	\$23,560.32	8	9	17
Home printer	\$2,256.00	6	0	6
	<b>\$122,895.37</b>			



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Efic is not an APS body, and as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

The ongoing cost for this equipment is \$2,016 per month which relates to plan cost on mobile services. All other hardware as listed above are purchased with appropriate support maintenance warranties as part of the initial purchase.

EFIC staff are entitled to ongoing use of IT equipment for work purposes pending approval from the EFIC executive. Staff may borrow IT equipment for short periods of time (usually under two weeks) for work purposes from the “pool resources”.

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**Question No 339**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Commissioned reports**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.***
- 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?***
- 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?***

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Question No 340**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial website**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List each item of expenditure and cost***
  - a) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?***
  - b) Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 341**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Report printing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?*

*a) If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal*

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Question No 342**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: FOI requests**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Since September 7, 2013:***

- 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?***
- 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?***
- 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:***
  - a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?***
  - b) For how many has a redacted document been provided?***

**Answer**

1. Efic has received two FOI requests since September 7, 2013
2. The FOI request No. 01/2014 (February 2014) related to documents determined to be deliberative documents
  - 5 documents relevant to the request were identified
  - Full access was granted to 1 document
  - Access in part was granted to 4 documents for which partial exemption for information disclosing deliberative processes was redacted on the basis that its publication would be contrary to the public interest.

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**Question No 343**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial Motor vehicles**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:***
  - a) What is the make and model?***
  - b) How much did it cost?***
  - c) When was it provided?***
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?***
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.***
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?***
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.***
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.***
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.***
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 344**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) What is the make and model?**
  - b) How much did it cost?**
  - c) When was it provided?**
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?**
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.**
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?**
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.**
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.**
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 345**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) What is the make and model?**
  - b) How much did it cost?**
  - c) When was it provided?**
  - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?**
  - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.**
  - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?**
  - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.**
  - h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**
  - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.**
  - j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.



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**Question No 346**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?**
- 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:**
  - a) Date the lease agreement is active from.**
  - b) Date the lease agreement ends.**
  - c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?**
  - d) Location of the building (City and state).**
  - e) Cost of the lease.**
  - f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.**
- 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:**
  - a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.**
  - b) Date the lease agreement ended.**
  - c) Why was the lease not renewed?**
  - d) Location of the building (City and state).**
  - e) Cost of the lease.**
  - f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.**
- 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:**
  - a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.**
  - b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.**
  - c) Expected location of the building (City and state).**
  - d) Expected cost of the lease.**
  - e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?**
  - f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.**
- 5. For each building owned or leased by the department:**
  - a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?**
  - b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.**

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**Answer**

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. See response to QoN 274 Land Costs

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**Question No 347**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Legal costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014**
  - a) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external**
  - b) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)**
  - c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice**

**Answer**

A.

**Internal legal advice/services**

Efic maintains an in-house legal function which provides the majority of corporate and transactional legal advice/services to the organisation.

Internal legal services are not recorded in a way to enable a full list of advice/services and their costs to be broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or time taken to prepare the advice without undertaking an unduly burdensome administrative exercise.

**External legal advice/services**

For the period since the Additional Estimate in February 2014 to 30 June 2014, Efic's gross spend for external legal services (including any payable disbursements and GST) comprised of approximately \$172,000 in non-recoverable legal costs and \$92,000 in recovered or recoverable legal costs from Efic's clients. These recovered or recoverable external legal costs are

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generally incurred in connection with transactions where Efic is providing financial or insurance products or services to its clients.

External legal services are not recorded in a way to enable a full list of advice/services and their costs to be broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or time taken to prepare the advice. This would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances; Efic does not consider the additional work can be justified.

B. Nil.

C. Internal legal advice is generally procured to assist in the origination, execution and management of transactions or for general corporate purposes.

Generally, external legal services are procured in circumstances where specialist experience is required. It is Efic's practice to ensure that appropriately qualified external lawyers are engaged on assignments and that their costs are kept to reasonable levels. To assist in this process, all external legal engagements must be authorised by Efic's internal legal function.

External legal services from domestic law firms are obtained from legal services providers which have been appointed to the Commonwealth's Legal Services Multi-Use List and in accordance with the requirements as set out in the Legal Services Directions 2005 and Legal Services Multi-Use List Guidance Material Reference.

Please note:

- All costs are from the Additional Estimate in February 2014 to 30 June 2014 since.
- Gross costs are provided noting some of Efic's legal spend for transactions is recoverable from Efic's clients.
- Costs are inclusive of legal spending associated with Efic's Commercial Account and the National Interest Account which Efic administers on behalf of Government.
- A list of each legal service and individual cost cannot be provided as this would constitute a significant diversion of Efic resources.

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**Question No 348**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?  
a) List each item of expenditure and cost**
- 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?**
- 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes**

**Answer**

1. 2 workplace assessments were conducted at total cost of \$489.00
2. As a result of the workplace assessments outlined above the following equipment was purchased:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Microdesk	2	230.00
Adjustable footrest	2	156.00
Monitor platform	2	29.64
Total		<b>415.64</b>

3. See answer above.

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**Question No 349**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Vending machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?***
  - a) If so, list these***
  - b) If so, list the total cost for these items***
  - c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
  - d) If so, where were these purchased***
  - e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased***
  - f) If so, what is the current location for these items?***
  - g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?***

**Answer**

Nil.

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**Question No 350**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial staff turnover**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary***
- 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification***
- 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 351**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Multiple tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:***
  - a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?***
  - b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?***
  - c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?***

**Answer**

Since February 2014, Efic has had no tenders in line with its procurement reporting requirements as a Corporate Commonwealth Entity under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.



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**Question No 352**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Market research**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:**
  - a) List the total cost of this research**
  - b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program**
  - c) Who conducted the research?**
  - d) How were they identified?**
  - e) Where was the research conducted?**
  - f) In what way was the research conducted?**
  - g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?**
  - h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?**

**Answer**

	<b>Efic SME Exporter Index (Quarter 2)</b>	<b>Efic Brand Tracker</b>	<b>The Australian Small Business Market for Finance Services – 2014*</b>
<b>Cost</b>	\$37, 500	\$26, 775	\$7, 600
<b>Vendor</b>	East & Partners	East & Partners	Cameron Research Group
<b>Vendor Selection</b>	Selected from shortlist based on competitive proposal	Annual tracking has been in place since 2008. East & Partners have delivered since 2010, when they were selected from shortlist based on competitive proposal	This research is syndicated study, meaning that is not commissioned by any single organisation but organizations can purchase all or parts of the study. It is conducted

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			biennially.
<b>Where</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Method</b>	Telephone interview	Telephone interview	Telephone interview
<b>Participant Selection</b>	Random sampling from East & Partners database.	Random sampling from East & Partners database.	Participants are recruited by third part market research recruiting agencies

\*The Australian Small Business Market for Financial Services – 2014 is an ongoing research programme conducted biennially by Cameron Research Group. It was not commissioned by Efic. Efic acquired parts of the study that focused on SME exporters and their access to finance.

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**Question No 353**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Departmental upgrades**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?***
  - a) If so, list these***
  - b) If so, list the total cost for these changes***
  - c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
  - d) If so, who conducted the works?***
  - e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works***
  - f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?***

**Answer**

Since additional Estimates Efic has engaged in some minor changes to building – e.g signage to reflect the new branding adopted through the Efic brand review.

For expenses associated with the brand review please refer to QON 369 – Departmental Rebranding.

Efic has ongoing upgrade works associated with spaces to tenant use in its building at 22 Pitt street.

No other significant refurbishment, upgrade or changes were made to the building or facilities.

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**Question No 354**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Wine coolers / Fridges**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?***
  - a) If so, list these***
  - b) If so, list the total cost for these items***
  - c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure***
  - d) If so, where were these purchased***
  - e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased***
  - f) If so, what is the current location for these items?***
  - g) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?***

**Answer**

1. Nil.

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### Question No 355

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Office plants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

- 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?**
  - a) If so, list these**
  - b) If so, list the total cost for these items**
  - c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure**
  - d) If so, where were these purchased**
  - e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased**
  - f) If so, what is the current location for these items?**

### Answer

1. Yes

a.

	Hire/purchase	Quantity	Price per item (incl.GST)	Total cost (inc. GST)
Lomandra plants	Hired	4	\$15 per month	\$60 per month
Planter boxes	Purchased	4	\$231	\$924

- b. Green Design Indoor Plant Hire
- c. The supplier was chose after reviewing availability of suitable planters and plants by various suppliers
- d. Efic's head office in Sydney.

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### Question No 356

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Provision equipment - departmental**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

- 1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.*
- 2. List the items*
- 3. List the purchase cost*
- 4. List the ongoing cost*
- 5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.*

### Answer

- Efic provides the following electronic equipment to staff for both temporary and/or ongoing use:

Equipment	Purchase Cost	No. of staff with ongoing home use	No. of "pool resources" for temporary staff use	Total no. of items
Home desktop	\$4636.11	3	0	3
iPads	\$14,904.94	11	8	19
Smart Phones	\$77,538	84	0	84
Laptops	\$23,560.32	8	9	17
Home printer	\$2,256.00	6	0	6
	<b>\$122,895.37</b>			

Efic is not an APS body, and as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

The ongoing cost for this equipment is \$2,016 per month which relates to plan cost on mobile services. All other hardware as listed above are purchased with appropriate support maintenance warranties as part of the initial purchase.

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EFIC staff are entitled to ongoing use of IT equipment for work purposes pending approval from the EFIC executive. Staff may borrow IT equipment for short periods of time (usually under two weeks) for work purposes from the “pool resources”.

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**Question No 357**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Government advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?**
  - a) List each item of expenditure and cost**
  - b) List the approving officer for each item**
  - c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising**
- 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?**
  - a) List the total expected cost**
  - b) List each item of expenditure and cost**
  - c) List the approving officer for each item**
  - d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising**

**Answer**

1. Efic undertakes general advertising to generate awareness of Efic's products and services among Australian exporters. Efic has not involved in communication of a broader Government advertising to the public.

Efic Advertising undertaken in the period Additional Estimates in February 2014 – 30 June 2014 included:

Advertisement	Cost	Approving Officer	Outlet paid
Australian Industry Group Directory	\$5,595	Executive Director, SME	Executive Media

2. Not applicable.



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**Question No 358**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Since September Additional Estimates in February, 2014;**
  - a) how often has each board met, break down by board name;**
  - b) what travel expenses are provided;**
  - c) what is the average attendance at board meetings;**
  - d) how does the board deal with conflict of interest;**
  - e) what conflicts of interest have been registered;**
  - f) what remuneration is provided to board members;**
  - g) how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?**
  - h) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?**
  - i) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings**
  - j) what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;**

**Answer**

1.

- a. Board Title: Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (Efic)

The Board meets seven times per year at approximately six week intervals. Since additional Estimates in February 2014 to date the board has met four times.

- b. Travel expenses are provided in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination 2013/16.
- c. The average attendance at Board meetings is 97% attendance per meeting (excluding ex officio members).
- d. Board members are formally advised of their obligations regarding conflicts of interest on their appointment to the Board and annually thereafter.

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Board members are required to complete a disclosure form prior to attendance at their first Board Meeting and to notify the Board Secretary when a material change occurs. An updated register of disclosed interests is made available to all Directors and each Board Meeting.

The general disclosure by Board members alerts Management to possible conflicts of interest which may require the withholding of a particular Board paper. If a Director has, or Board Secretary forms a view that or believes a Director may have, a conflict of interest in relation to a matter, the relevant Board paper is withheld from that Director. Similarly, if a Director has, or believes he or she may have, a conflict of interest in relation to a matter which Management has not detected, the Director is required to return the relevant Board paper unread, and the potential conflict declared at the Board Meeting.

Where a Director declares a conflict of interest, the Director is required to leave the Board Meeting before any discussion of the relevant item begins. In the Director's absence, the Board determines whether the Director may participate in the discussion and the decision. If the Board determines that the Director should not be involved, they will remain excluded from any discussion on the relevant item.

- e. Potential conflicts of interest were raised by two separate Board members, one at the April 2014 Board meeting and a second at the June 2014 Board meeting. Pursuant to agreed Board protocols and with the consent of the Chairman, the Directors who raised the potential conflicts excluded themselves from the Board meeting for the duration of discussions involving the potentially conflicted subject matters.

Efic records Board members conflicts of interest in its Annual Report.

- f. EFIC Board members are remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration and Allowance for Holders of Part Time of Public Office as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the Determination 2014/03 applied. From 1 July 2014 to present the Determination 2014/08 applies.

- g. The process of termination of appointment of appointed members of the Board is set out in section 43 of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1991 (Cth).
- h. No.

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- i. Nil
- j. Alcohol is not served at Board Meetings. The catering costs for Board Meetings are approximately \$100 per meeting where coffee, tea and light refreshments are provided.

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**Question No 359**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Senate estimates briefing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?***
- 2. *How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification***
- 3. *Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?***
- 4. *Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a) If so, when did this occur? b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c) When were the changes made?***
- 5. *Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.***

**Answer**

Efic provides input on Efic's operations for Ministerial briefing on an ad hoc basis as requested by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and/or Minister's office. This includes input into Senate Estimates briefing papers prepared by the Department.

Please refer to Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade response.

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**Question No 360**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Communications staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:**
  - a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.**
  - b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location**
  - c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location**
  - d) How many are graphic designers?**
  - e) How many are media managers?**
  - f) How many organise events?**

**Answer**

Efic is not an APS body and as such, APS employment classifications are not applicable to EFIC staff.

- A. Efic has one ongoing Manager, Communications and Marketing (non-SES equivalent). This staff member is located in Efic's main office in Sydney.
- B. Nil.
- C. Nil.
- D-F. Efic employs one graphic designer and one events manager on a full time basis as part of a broader marketing function. The communications staff member referred to in part a) provides media management services where necessary in collaboration with Efic's broader marketing function.

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**Question No 361**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):*

*Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister*

- 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?*
- 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:*
  - a) The Department or Agency which was consulted;*
  - b) The document;*
  - c) The purpose of the consultation;*
  - d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension;*
  - e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension*
- 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?*
- 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:*
  - a) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;*
  - b) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;*
  - c) The purpose of the consultation;*
  - d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension;*
  - e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension*
  - f) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office*

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**Staffing resources**

*The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:*

5. *For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?*

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6. *For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:*
- a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?*
  - b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?*
  - c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).*
7. *If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:*
- a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;*
  - b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;*
  - c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?*
  - d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?*
  - e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?*
8. *Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?*
9. *If so, please provide the following information in a table:*
- a) On how many occasions charges have been imposed;*
  - b) The amount charged for each document*
  - c) The total amount charged;*
  - d) What is the highest charge that has been imposed.*

**With respect to FOI requests:**

10. *How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?*
11. *Of those, how many were:*
- a) Released in full*
  - b) Released in part*

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- c) *Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest***
- d) *Other (please specify)***

#### **Answer**

1. Efic will consult or inform other Departments or Agencies where it's appropriate to do so, in accordance with the FOI Act and the Guidelines. Departments or other Agencies which may be affected by the decision may be informed of the information request and the pending decision. Any consultation with a Department or Agency will occur during the decision process and occur between either the General Counsel or Executive and an equivalent responsible officer of the Department or Agency.
2. Efic received FOI request No. 02/2014 (March 2014) for which the General Counsel of Efic telephoned the Freedom of Information Officer of the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and informed the Officer Efic had received the same request as Austrade. No extension in time was sought. Having made its determination, Efic subsequently provided this to Austrade.
3. Efic informed the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of one FOI request it has received No. 01/2014 (February 2014).
4. FOI request No. 01/2014 (February 2014). This request related to communications between the Chairman of Efic and the Minister for Trade and Investment (DFAT). DFAT was advised of the request by email during the decision process. No extension of time was sought. No separate briefings were provided to the Minister's office.

#### **Staffing resources**

5. Not applicable; FOI requests are processed by Efic's in-house Legal and Compliance team.

#### **FOI disclosure log**

6. Efic maintains a webpage which meets WCAG 2.0 (A rating) (for new information since May 2011) allowing public access to information released under the FOI Act. Information is available either directly in PDF or by request in PDF or another suitable format. Requests may be made to a designated email address. A hyperlink is provided for Adobe Acrobat Reader to be downloaded for free. If documents are unable to be read in the format provided, the contact details of the General Counsel are provided to further facilitate the request.



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7. Not applicable; Efic continues to provide public access to information released under the FOI Act either directly in PDF or by request in PDF or another suitable format.

Efic's website does not currently track downloads of FOI PDF documents so this data is unavailable. Efic is currently working to set up reporting for this type of information.

No documents have been requested by email.

FOI requests are processed by Efic's in-house Legal and Compliance team.

8. No.
9. Not applicable.

#### **FOI requests**

10. Since 18 December 2013, Efic has received 2 FOI requests. The FOI request No. 01/2014 (February 2014) related to documents determined to be conditionally exempt.
11. 5 documents relevant to the request were identified.
  - a. Full access was granted to 1 document.
  - b. Access in part was granted to 4 documents for which partial exemption for information disclosing deliberative processes, certain operations of agencies and personal privacy was redacted on the basis that its publication it would be contrary to the public interest.

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**Question No 362**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Functions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:***
  - a) The guest list of each function***
  - b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function***
  - c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function***
  - d) A list of drinks consumed at the function***
- 2. *Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 363**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Red tape reduction**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?**
  - a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target**
  - b) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?**
  - c) How have they been recruited?**
  - d) What process was used for their appointment?**
  - e) What is the total cost of this unit?**
  - f) What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.**
  - g) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?**
  - h) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.**
- 2. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?**

**Answer**

Refer to Department response.

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**Question No 364**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Official residences**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:***
  - a) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended***
  - b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function***
  - c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function***
- 2. *Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 365**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Travel costs - department**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).***
- 2. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- 3. *What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***

**Answer**

1. Not applicable
2. Efic's systems do not record travel data in a way that would readily allow total expenditure to be broken down into the level of detail sought. To attempt to extract this data manually would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.

Efic records total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

3. Efic's systems do not record planned travel in a way that would readily allow this information to be provided without significant diversion of resources. All travel is arranged in line with Efic's Corporate Travel Policy and Procedures.

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This process involves the establishment of a clear business case for travel and a travel request which must be approved by the head of the agency (in the case of international travel) or the relevant delegated authority such as Efic executive or department heads (in the case of domestic travel).

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**Question No 366**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Ministerial staff code**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? \* If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level \* If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? \* If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?**
- 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? \* If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? \* How long have they worked for the Minister?**
- 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? \* If not, on what date did they comply?**
- 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? \* If so, on what date were those disclosure made?**
- 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee**
- 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment**
- 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level.**

**Answer**

Not applicable.



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**Question No 367**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Credit cards**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.**
- 2. Please update details of the following?**
  - a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?**
  - b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?**
  - c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?**
  - d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.**
  - e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?**

**Answer**

EFIC is not an APS body and therefore APS employment classifications do not apply to EFIC staff.

1. Total of 61 Efic staff have a corporate credit card. This includes:
  - a. 7 SES-equivalent staff, and
  - b. 54 non-SES equivalent staff
2.
  - a. EFIC has an established policies governing the use of corporate credit cards and a system of monitoring credit card expenditure to prevent misuse. Where appropriate, instances of suspected corporate credit card misuse would be investigated in line with Efic's Incident & Breach Escalation Policy.
  - b. Staff must account and provide documentation for all expenses paid on corporate credit card accounts. This is regularly monitored and checked by designated staff and the signatory executive. Department expenses are subject to Efic's regular audit processes and staff

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complete regular compliance training on anti-corruption and fraud policies.

- c. See response to part a) above. In instances where corporate credit card misuse is proven, action may be taken in accordance with Efic' policies and procedures. Where appropriate, this may extend to termination of employment on the grounds of misconduct.
- d. Nil
- e. See response to part b above.

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**Question No 368**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Shared resources following MOG changes**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?***
- 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?***
- 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 369**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Departmental Rebranding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:**
  - a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?**
    - i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.**
  - b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:**
    - ii. Signage.**
    - iii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).**
    - iv. Logos**
    - v. Consultancy**
    - vi. Any relevant IT changes.**
    - vii. Office reconfiguration.**
  - c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?**
    - i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.**

**Answer**

1.
  - a. Efic undertook a brand review from October 2013 to 30 June 2014. The brand review did not involve renaming the organisation.

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The project was undertaken to reflect Efic's focus on exporting Small-Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and facilitate greater awareness of Efic's services for the SME community.

The brand refresh occurred after consultation with exporters, staff, government, alliance partners and other key stakeholders and will improve how Efic communicates and interacts with SME exporters. It is a holistic review which will influence operations across the organisation as part of our drive for a simpler, more efficient Efic that is more responsive to the needs of the exporting SMEs.

- b. Total cost for the brand review was approximately \$230,000.

The total re-branding cost has been offset by reduced expenditure in other marketing activities from the existing marketing budget. No additional allocation was made for the brand review. Efic reports total advertising and promotion costs in the Annual Report.

Cost breakdown for the brand review and implementation are as follows:

Total Cost	\$230,389	Total cost includes all costs listed below. Also included is full brand identity, creation of new tone of voice and new messaging.
i. Signage	\$21,680	Signage for Efic's offices as well as branded banners for use at Efic events.
ii. Stationary	\$7,610	Printing of existing stationary had been managed to ensure minimal wastage. Minimal old stock was disposed of through secure recycling.
iii. Logos	\$17,135	Cost includes development of artwork for print, online and Microsoft applications
iv. Consultancy	\$42,228	Development of brand strategy, artwork files, staff workshops and brand activation
v. IT Changes	\$23,400	Updates to IT systems to incorporate the new brand, changes to website and intranet to reflect the new brand
vi. Office reconfiguration	Nil	

- c. The decision to rebrand the organisation was reached after consultation and feedback from our clients and prospects, alliance partners, staff and external stakeholders.

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- i. The decision to conduct the brand review was made by Efic's executive team in consultation with the Efic Board.

Please find below correspondence with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding use of Government crest in Efic re-branding.

**From:** Government Branding [<mailto:Governmentbranding@pmc.gov.au>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 April 2014 7:58 AM

**To:** Elizabeth Han

**Cc:** Government Branding

**Subject:** RE: EFIC: Co-brand update [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning Elizabeth

EFIC is able to continue with the co-branding arrangement and alteration of the logo without seeking further approval from the Parliamentary Secretary that is responsible for government branding in this case.

As you have agreed, please ensure that the version of the Arms used is high resolution and all other branding requirements outlined in the guidelines are followed for the final logo.

Happy to be of further assistance if required.

Regards,

Michael

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**Question No 370**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Contracts under \$10,000**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

***Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.***

**Answer**

Under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, Efic is not required to report details of Australian procurement contracts awarded on AusTender, the Government's tender and procurement reporting system, where the total contract value is below \$400,000 or below \$7.5 million for construction contracts.

To provide details of contracts below this reporting threshold would entail significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, EFIC does not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 371**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?*
- 2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?*
- 3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?*
- 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?*
- 5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?*
- 6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?*
- 7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?*

### **Answer**

Note: EFIC is not an Australian Public Service body. EFIC staff are employed under the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) Act 1991 (Cth).

1. EFIC define temporary staff as non-ongoing staff (not external contractors). Since September 7, 2013 Efic has spent approximately \$44,400 (excluding superannuation) on temporary staff.
2. 3 temporary staff members (7 September 2013 - 30 June 2014).
3. 1 temporary staff member (as a 30 June 2014).
4. \$13, 140 (7 September 2013 – 30 June 2014)
5. \$79,611
6. EFIC engages temporary contract staff where a short term need arises such as for maternity leave replacement, or specific project work.
7. Not applicable.



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**Question No 372**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?**
- 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?**
- 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?**
- 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?**
- 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel**
- 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels**
- 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?**

### **Answer**

- 1-2. EFIC does not maintain any EFIC-specific prequalified or multi-use panels for tenders.

However for legal services from domestic law firms, EFIC will procure from providers which have been appointed to the Commonwealth's Legal Services Multi-Use List and in accordance with the requirements as set out in the Legal Services Directions 2005 and Legal Services Multi-Use List Guidance Material Reference.

The Legal Services Multi-Use list is maintained by Attorney General's Department. More information about the multi-use list and participant firms is available

at: <http://www.ag.gov.au/LegalSystem/LegalServicesCoordination/Pages/Legalservicesmultiuselistandserviceproviders.aspx>

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For IT procurement EFIC will also procure from providers listed on the Whole of Government Desktop Hardware Panel which is maintained by the Department of Finance.

Information about the panel and its participants can be found at <http://www.finance.gov.au/policy-guides-procurement/desktop-hardware-panel>

3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Question No 373**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Unallocated Equipment - 34T**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff*
- 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.*

**Answer**

Unallocated equipment as at 30 June 2014:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Leased</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Efic Desktops	3	No	Sydney office	\$4671.72
Smart phones	3	No	Sydney office	\$2578.00
Printer	1	No	Sydney office	\$376.20

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**Question No 374**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies.***
- 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning***

**Answer**

- EFIC undertakes general advertising to generate awareness of EFIC's products and services among Australian exporters. EFIC has not involved in communication of a broader Government advertising to the public.

EFIC Advertising undertaken in the period Additional Estimates in February 2014 – 30 June 2014 included:

Advertisement	Cost	Approving Officer	Outlet paid
Australian Industry Group Directory	\$5,595	Executive Director, SME	Executive Media

- See response to part 1.

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**Question No 375**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Land costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?**
- 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)**
- 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.**
  - a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?**
  - b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?**
  - c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?**
- 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?**
- 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).**
- 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?**

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**Answer**

1. 821m<sup>2</sup>
2. Sydney: 821m<sup>2</sup>, 22 Pitt Street Sydney NSW, \$10,900,000.00, owned.
3. 11 storey commercial office building.
  - a. 73% occupied by various commercial tenants, including EFIC.
  - b. \$24,700,000 (includes depreciation, and excludes land value)
  - c. Various commercial property leases.
4. 1 building
5.
  - a. Export House
  - b. 6585m<sup>2</sup>
  - c. 22 Pitt Street Sydney, NSW 2000\$38,900,000.00
6. 73%, remaining office space being actively marketed for lease.

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**Question No 376**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Hospitality and entertainment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 2. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 3. *What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 4. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 5. *What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 6. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 7. *What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 8. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 9. *Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?***

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**Answer**

- 1&3. EFIC's total entertainment and hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date (as at 30 June 2014) is approximately \$89,600.

This total expenditure captures hospitality and entertainment (including expenditure for external meetings) for EFIC's Australian clients, potential clients, other corporations, companies, institutions and agencies external to the Corporation, in addition to event hosting expenses associated with client and staff functions.

EFIC's reporting systems do not capture expenditure in such a way that would readily enable the requested breakdown of this total expenditure. To manually collect this information would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

- 2,4,6,8. Not applicable.

- 5, 7, 9. EFIC's hospitality and entertainment spending for FY14-15 is expected to be in line with the entertainment and hospitality budget for FY13-14.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 377**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Travel costs - ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary***
- 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;***
- 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;***
- 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.***
- 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 378**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Grants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.***
- 2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 379**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Government payment of accounts**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?*
- 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?*
- 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?*
- 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?*
- 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?*
- 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?*
- 7. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?*
- 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?*

**Answer**

1. EFIC's policy is to make payments three times per month
2. 100 per cent

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3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable

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**Question No 380**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Question time - 34T**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?*
- 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification*
- 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?*
- 4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?  
a) If so, when does this occur?  
b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.*
- 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 381**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Meeting costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 2. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 3. *What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- 4. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***

**Answer**

- 1 & 3. EFIC's total entertainment, hospitality and meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 30 June 2014 is approximately \$89,614.

This total expenditure captures hospitality and entertainment and meeting spend (including meeting expenditure) for EFIC's Australian clients, potential clients, other corporations, companies, institutions, development banks and agencies external to the Corporation, in addition to event hosting expenses associated with client and staff functions.

EFIC's reporting systems do not capture expenditure in such a way that would readily enable the requested breakdown of meeting expenditure only. To manually collect this information would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

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EFIC is a self-funded corporation with well-established policies on the proper management of hospitality and entertainment expenses. All staff must justify the purpose of, and maintain written records for each item of hospitality or entertainment expenditure. All expenditure and supporting documentation is reviewed and must be approved by EFIC's cost centre managers (head of department level) to ensure the criteria for expenditure has been met; department heads' expenditure must in turn receive Executive approval.

EFIC's hospitality and entertainment spending for FY14-15 is expected to be in line with the entertainment and hospitality budget for FY13-14.

2 & 4. Not applicable to EFIC.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 382**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Hire cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.***
- 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?***

**Answer**

1. Efic's systems do not readily enable the separation of this information from total travel expenses. To manually breakdown records to supply the information required would constitute a significant diversion of resources and I do not believe that the additional work can be justified.

Efic records its total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

2. Efic staff may hire cars when conducting work travel in line with the provisions of Efic's Corporate Travel Policy and Procedures.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 383**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Executive coaching and leadership training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:*

- 1. Total spending on these services*
- 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification*
- 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)*
- 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:*
  - a) The name and nature of the service purchased*
  - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based*
  - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification*
  - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)*
  - e) The total amount spent on the service*
  - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)*
- 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:*
  - a) The location used*
  - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)*
  - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)*
  - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location*
- 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?*
- 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.*

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### **Answer**

Note: Efic is not an APS body and as such APS classifications do not apply to Efic staff.

All figures are from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 30 June 2014.

1. Total spending was \$23,512.50
2. 3 non SES equivalent
3. 3 non SES equivalent
4. Women in Banking and Finance
  - a. Women in Banking and Finance leadership development programs
  - b. One-one-one
  - c. 2 non-SES
  - d. 14 hours mentoring – 10 hours mentoring events for 2 people
  - e. \$11,000
  - f. Complete package

#### Forte Communications

- a. Forte Communications – coaching skills
  - b. One on one
  - c. 1 non SES
  - d. 19.5 hours
  - e. \$12,512.50
5. Women in Banking and Finance
  - a. Training at local office in Sydney
  - b. See above
  - c. See above
  - d. Nil

#### Forte Communications

- a. Efic Brisbane office and over the phone
  - b. See above
  - c. See above
  - d. Nil.
6. Study assistance is viewed as part of overall career development as part of a staff members individual remuneration and benefits package. Once training is completed staff remain subject to the provisions of their employment contracts.

Temporary employees (or people employed on less than a 6 month contract) are not eligible for study assistance.

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7. 4 staff members too study leave for graduate or post graduate study, among these 4 staff:
  - a. 1 staff member was granted study leave for graduate study for a total of 1.27 days
  - b. 3 staff members were granted study leave for post graduate study for a total of 9.54 days.

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**Question No 384**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Staffing profile**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?*
- 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)*

**Answer**

Note: Efic is not an Australia Public Service Body, as such APS classifications are not applicable to Efic staff.

1. As at 30 June 2014 the total number of Efic staff was 97
- 2.

Location		Total staff	SES equivalent	Non-SES equivalent	Contract type	
					Ongoing	Non-ongoing
NSW	Sydney	89	8	81	88	1
WA	Perth	3	0	3	3	0
QLD	Brisbane	3	0	3	3	0
VIC	Melbourne	2	0	2	2	0

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**Question No 385**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Staffing reductions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?***
- 2. *Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***
- 3. *Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.***
- 4. *If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.***
- 5. *Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***
- 6. *How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?***
- 7. *How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?***
- 8. *What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position***
- 9. *How do the packages differ from the default public service package?***
- 10. *How is the department/agency funding the packages?***

**Answer**

1. 1 involuntary redundancy due to reorganisation of business structure.
2. Yes, 1 involuntary redundancy.
3. No.
4. Not applicable.
5. No.
6. From 1 February to 30 June 2014, 6 non-SES equivalent staff left Efic, including 1 involuntary redundancy.

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7. Nil.
8. Not applicable.
9. Not applicable.
10. Not applicable.

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**Question No 386**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Staffing recruitment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?***
- 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?***
- 3. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?***

**Answer**

Note: Efic is not an Australian Public Service body, as such APS classifications are not applicable to Efic staff.

All answers are from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 30 June 2014.

1. 12 ongoing non-SES equivalent staff  
1 ongoing SES-equivalent staff
2. 1 non-ongoing non-SES equivalent position.
3. EFIC staff are employed under the EFIC Act 1991 (Cth). All ongoing staff are employed under EFIC's standard terms of employment on a statutory contract with a 5 year term.



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**Question No 387**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Coffee machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. *Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?***
  - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?***
  - b) Why were coffee machines purchased?***
  - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?***
  - d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?***
  - e) Who has access?***
  - f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?***
  - g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?***
- 2. *Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff usage?***
  - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.***
  - b) Why are coffee machines rented?***

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- c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?*
- d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?*
- e) Who has access?*
- f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?*
- g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee*

**Answer**

1. Efic did not purchase or hire any additional coffee machines for staff usage since the Additional Estimates in February 2014.

2. Yes

a.

Number of machines	3
Type	Saeco Royal Cappuccino
Cost	Average total cost of \$750 per month.
Machine hire per month	
Coffee Beans per 1kg bag	\$130 (+ GST) each
Hot Chocolate per 500g bag	\$30 per bag
	\$14 per bag
Ongoing costs	Refer to above
Day of rental	April 2005 (for 3 machines)

b. For use by Efic's staff and visitors.

c. Yes.

d. Efic is a self-funded agency.

e. All Efic staff.

f. Included in the \$130 (plus GST) per month cost to hire each machine, is a fortnightly maintenance service, when the representative visits to restock coffee beans/hot chocolate. There are no extra charges for service calls to fix or replace a machine.

g. Ongoing average monthly cost of maintaining the 3 machines (including restocking and hire fee) is approximately \$750 (see above).

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### Question No 388

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Printing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### Question

- 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?*
- 2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?*
  - a) If so, what companies were used?*
  - b) How were they selected?*
  - c) What was the total cost of this printing?*

### Answer

1. Details for Efic collateral printed since 7 September 2013 to date (at 30 June 2014) are outlined in the table below:

Document	Quantity	Online?
Annual Report	500	Yes
Brochures	800	Yes
Fact sheets	1000	Yes
Product sheets	600	Yes
SME exporter index	3	Yes
SME brochure	620	Yes

2. Yes

- a. Kwik Kopy (Angaga)  
No Time To Lose  
Paragon Australasia Group  
Satellite Digital
- b. Existing Vendors
- c. \$10,599.00 (Pre-GST)

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**Question No 389**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Corporate cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?*
- 2. Where is the car/s located?*
- 3. What is the car/s used for?*
- 4. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?*
- 5. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?*
- 6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?*
- 7. Where are the cars located?*
- 8. What are the cars used for?*
- 9. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?*
- 10. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?*

**Answer**

1. Efic owns 9 cars (as at 30 June).
2. The cars are located in Sydney.
3. The cars are for personal use.
4. The cars are fully costed to personal employment packages.
5. These figures are provided by the drivers on annually on 30 March – hence figures from Additional Estimates to date are not available). As at 30 March 2013 the distances travelled for each car were:

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<b>Car</b>	<b>Kms</b>
1 (sold 14/2/14 kms as at 14/2/14)	13,654
2	400.00
3	220
4	68,896
5	27,311
6	6,886
7	n/a – purchased 30-09-13
8	n/a – purchased 26-04-13
9	n/a – purchased 23-12-13
10	n/a – purchased 14-02-14
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,367</b>
<b>Average Kms</b>	<b>19,561</b>

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**Question No 390**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.***
- 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?***

**Answer**

1. Efic's systems do not readily enable the separation of this information from total travel expenses. To manually breakdown records to supply the information required would constitute a significant diversion of resources and I do not believe that the additional work can be justified.

Efic records its total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

2. Efic staff may hire taxis when conducting work travel in line with the provisions of Efic's Corporate Travel Policy and Procedures.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 391**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.***
- 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.***
- 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?***
- 4. If so, which ones and why?***

**Answer**

1. Under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, Efic is required to report details of Australian procurement contracts awarded on AusTender, the Government's tender and procurement reporting system, where the total contract value is above \$400,000 or above \$7.5 million for construction contracts.

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To provide details of consultancy contracts below this reporting threshold would entail significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, EFIC does not consider the additional work can be justified.

2. In terms of Efic's reporting requirements under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, EFIC has no further consultancies planned for this calendar year.
3. Refer to answer to question 1 above.
4. Refer to answer to question 1 above.



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**Question No 392**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Passport checks**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Are all passports of air passengers checked against the Movement Alert List***
- 2. Does the MAL contain lists of lost and stolen passports from Interpol***
- 3. how frequently are lost and stolen passports updated to the MAL***
- 4. how many checks of lost and stolen passports database from Interpol were undertaken?***
- 5. Are transiting visitors checked against any database?***
- 6. What rules govern the checking of the validity are required of incoming flights to Australia?***
- 7. Are bulk uploads of the details of cancelled passports from the former Russian federation made to the MAL?***
- 8. Why are the interpol lists not bulk uploaded in a similar fashion?***
- 9. What is the nature of those on the PAL/CMAL listed under Health Concerns***
- 10. How many Controversial Visitors have been added to the PAL since September 7th 2013?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**Question No 393**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: DFAT Website - Follow up questions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*Follow up questions with reference to the following questions:*

*Additional Estimates, 2014*

*Q No 212 – Ministerial Website*

- 1. Please provide a total cost break down for each Minister's website.*
- 2. With regard to 'Website Testing':*
  - a) Please detail what this work involved.*
  - b) Why was it necessary?*
  - c) Who was contracted to provide this service?*
- 3. What was the selection process for selecting this firm? Please break down by:*
  - a) What form of tender process was undertaken?*
  - b) How many firms were approached for quotes*
  - c) Please provide the original quote for the work*
  - d) How the firm was approached.*
  - e) Who suggested that the firm be approached?*
  - f) Was there any minister or ministerial staff direction or communication regarding the process, if so who was involved and what form did the communication involve*
  - g) People involved in making the decision.*
  - h) Any other quotes, how much they were for and why they were rejected.*
  - i) Was a panel selection process used, if not why not*

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4. *With Regard to 'Training':*
  - a) *Please detail what this work involved.*
  - b) *Why was it necessary?*
  - c) *Who was contracted to provide this service?*
5. *What was the selection process for selecting this firm? Please break down by:*
  - a) *What form of tender process was undertaken?*
  - b) *How many firms were approached for quotes*
  - c) *Please provide the original quote for the work*
  - d) *How the firm was approached.*
  - e) *Who suggested that the firm be approached?*
  - f) *Was there any minister or ministerial staff direction or communication regarding the process, if so who was involved and what form did the communication involve*
  - g) *People involved in making the decision.*
  - h) *Any other quotes, how much they were for and why they were rejected.*
  - i) *Was a panel selection process used, if not why not*
  - j) *How many hours of training was done?*
6. *With regard to 'Website release management'. Please detail what this work involved.*
7. *Why was it necessary?*
8. *Who was contracted to provide this service?*
9. *What was the selection process for selecting this firm? Please break down by:*
  - a) *What form of tender process was undertaken?*
  - b) *How many firms were approached for quotes*
  - c) *Please provide the original quote for the work*
  - d) *How the firm was approached.*
  - e) *Who suggested that the firm be approached?*
  - f) *Was there any minister or ministerial staff direction or communication regarding the process, if so who was involved and what form did the communication involve*
  - g) *People involved in making the decision.*
  - h) *Any other quotes, how much they were for and why they were rejected.*

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- i) Was a panel selection process used, if not why not*
- 10. With regard to 'Website deployment'. Please detail what this work involved.**
- 11. Why was it necessary?**
- 12. Who was contracted to provide this service?**
- 13. What was the selection process for selecting this firm? Please break down by:**
- a) What form of tender process was undertaken?*
  - b) How many firms were approached for quotes*
  - c) Please provide the original quote for the work*
  - d) How the firm was approached.*
  - e) Who suggested that the firm be approached?*
  - f) Was there any minister or ministerial staff direction or communication regarding the process, if so who was involved and what form did the communication involve*
  - g) People involved in making the decision.*
  - h) Any other quotes, how much they were for and why they were rejected.*
  - i) Was a panel selection process used, if not why not*
- 14. Was any new content created for the Minister's website? Please detail.**
- 15. How many page views does the minister's website receive since it went live?**
- 16. How are the other departmental websites managed? Why weren't departmental staff used to manage this website?**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 394**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Vaccine Programs and Spying**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

*In light of the US government and the CIA committing to not use vaccination programs for spying will ASIO and ASIS make the same commitment not to use vaccination or public health programs or staff for spying?*

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 395**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Budget**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Noting the responses to Additional Estimates Question on Notice #63-65, what is the difference between the budget outcomes and the portfolio overview?***
- 2. Noting the responses to Additional Estimates Question on Notice #63-65, what is the purpose of the outcomes?***
- 3. Noting the responses to Additional Estimates Question on Notice #63-65, what is the legal implication of outcomes for appropriation of funds?***

**Answer**

Not applicable.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 396**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Definition**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***What is the difference between aid for the purpose of Australia's security and economic gain and aid programs for poverty reduction alone?***

**Answer**

The Government's new development policy *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability* (released on 18 June 2014) confirms that the purpose of the aid program is to promote Australia's national interests by contributing to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. This recognises that stronger growth, prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region – our neighbourhood – is of direct benefit to Australia.

The policy reflects international evidence that economic growth is the primary driver of poverty reduction. Australia's aid investments will support the poor to become participants in, and contributors to, stronger economic development.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 397**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Diplomatic - Expanding footprint**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Has the Department been tasked with expanding Australia's "diplomatic footprint"?***
  - a. How is this being done?***
  - b. In what areas?***

**Answer**

Any future changes to DFAT's overseas network are a matter for Government consideration.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 398**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - PM's North Asia trips (China, South Korea, Japan)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Noting Abbott's recent North Asia trip (including China, South Korea, Japan), who covered costs of non-political/DFAT personnel?**
- 2. Which CEOs and business leaders were invited to join the Prime Minister in his travel to North Asia? Please provide a full list.**
- 3. Which CEOs and business leaders attended the Prime Minister's trip to North Asia? Please provide a full list.**
- 4. Who assembled the guest list and under what criteria?**
- 5. What is the purpose of including CEOs on a visit like this and what justification is there for departmental spending on any aspects of their participation?**
- 6. Can you please provide a copy of the briefing pack and all information which was provided to delegates on Abbott's Asia trip, and participants in the inaugural Australia Week in Beijing?**

**Answer**

1. DFAT covers the travel costs of departmental officers who travel overseas to support ministerial visits. Prime Minister Abbott's North Asia trip in April, including participation by CEO and business leaders, was organised by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Further details should be requested from PM&C.
2. Please direct to PM&C.
3. Please direct to PM&C.
4. Please direct to PM&C.

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5. Please direct to PM&C.
6. Austrade coordinated briefing for Australia Week in China participants. A copy of the briefing pack is attached.

# AUSTRALIA WEEK IN CHINA 2014

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8-11 APRIL



## MISSION PARTICIPATION KIT

Austrade welcomes your participation in Australia Week in China 2014.

This mission participation kit contains essential information to help you plan and prepare for the mission.



## DO THIS FIRST: IMPORTANT CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPANTS

- ☐ Apply for Chinese visa – refer page 4
- ☐ Book flights to city of commencement – refer to sector program details on page 5
- ☐ Book internal flights – refer flight schedules on page 6
- ☐ Book hotels in each city – refer to Austrade's block booked suggests hotel list and booking links on page 6

## OTHER KEY INFORMATION IN THIS KIT

- About Australia Week in China
- Advice on pre-departure webinars
- About Austrade and Austrade support services during AWIC
- Accommodation and travel booking advice
- Social media and staying in touch during AWIC
- FAQs

# ABOUT AUSTRALIA WEEK IN CHINA 2014

The Hon Mr Andrew Robb AO MP, Minister for Trade and Investment will lead an Australian Government trade, investment and tourism mission to China from 8-11 April 2014.

Australia Week in China (AWIC) is a government initiative which aims to promote Australia as a trade, investment, education and tourism partner with a program tailored to major industry sectors. The AWIC program will reinforce the message that Australia is open for business and genuinely committed to deeper engagement with China in trade, investment, education and tourism.

Participation in the AWIC program will provide ample opportunity for engagement with potential business partners in China, and equip delegates with an enhanced understanding of how business is done in contemporary China.

## Benefits of participation

- Explore business opportunities with potential Chinese partners and distributors
- Meet with decision makers and industry leaders
- Participate in sector-specific networking events
- Enhance existing relationships with Chinese businesses and develop new contacts

Information on key locations and in-country transfers is contained in this document. Delegates are encouraged to confirm travel and accommodation bookings as soon as possible.

Delegates should familiarise themselves with the [latest AWIC 2014 draft program](#) on the Austrade website, which is updated regularly.

Full sectoral sub-mission programs will be made available to delegates by 21 March 2013. These sector sub-mission documents will contain the following information:

- Detailed daily itineraries
- Details of keynote speakers/panellists
- Site visit options
- Hotel maps and addresses
- City briefings
- Sector briefings

## PRE DEPARTURE WEBINARS

All mission participants are encouraged to register for a pre-mission briefing webinars. These presentations will cover information about the mission, logistical information and tips about what to expect from the mission and an introductory China market briefing.

Webinars will be scheduled for the week commencing Monday 24 March. Instructions on how to register will be sent to you closer to this date.

## AUSTRADE SUPPORT SERVICES DURING AWIC

### **Austrade services during AWIC:**

- preparation and delivery of in-market briefings
- industry specific seminars, networking events and site visits
- organisation and promotion of official receptions
- accompaniment by Austrade local experts throughout the official program

### **Austrade services not available during AWIC:**

- individual travel and hotel reservations in China
- tailored, one-on-one business matching programs
- tailored programs for individual businesses
- accompaniment of mission delegates to meetings or activities outside of the mission program
- invitations to events or seminars for guests who are not officially part of the mission
- logistical arrangements or travel coordination for any activities outside the mission program, including international travel and airport transfers
- individual interpreting services

### **Mission Guidelines and Delegate Responsibilities:**

Due to the number of participants on this mission it is of great importance that delegates pay close attention to the mission rules and responsibilities outlined below:

- Please take note of the mission program, key departure and meeting times. If delegates are unable to make specified meeting/departure times they will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and associated costs
- International travel costs, travel insurance, domestic intercity travel, accommodation, personal interpreters and other personal direct costs are at the delegates own expense.
- Delegates may not invite contacts to hospitality events, dinner and seminars. Places at these events are strictly limited

- Delegates are responsible for applying and paying for their own China visas (more information on page below). Austrade holds no responsibility for failure to obtain a Chinese visa
- Family members or additional delegates are not able to join this mission
- It is delegate's responsibility to arrive in the commencing city of their sector programme by Monday 7 April 2014.

## ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL BOOKINGS

In this section

- Visa advice
- Participation in regional sub-missions
- Hotel reservations
- Intercity travel reservations for sub-missions

International travel costs, travel insurance, domestic intercity travel, accommodation, personal interpreters, airport to hotel transfers and other personal direct costs are the personal responsibility of individual delegates.

Transport to and from nominated hotels (see below) for site visits and the Gala Lunch is provided at no cost.

### VISA ADVICE

Due to the short time frames we recommend you start the visa application process immediately.

All foreign citizens must have a visa and a passport with six month validity to enter China. If you already have a Chinese visa, please check its validity. If the visa has expired or the number of entries is not enough, you will need to apply for a new visa.

If you require a visa, you will need to enter your details on the registration form so that we can provide a list of delegates to Chinese Consulates around Australia. This may assist in expediting the visa application and approval process.

For general information on visas for China, please refer to the Chinese Embassy web pages [brief introduction](#) and [detailed instructions](#).

## PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL SUB-MISSIONS

Delegates have the option of participating in regional seminars, workshops, networking events and site visits in Guangzhou, Beijing and Chengdu from 7 to 9 April. All delegates will meet in Shanghai on 10 and 11 April.

Delegates who registered on the Austrade website for the regional programs are responsible for booking their own flights and accommodation. A summary of the location and timing of the Shanghai and regional programs is as follows:

<b>Sub-mission</b>	<b>Regional program days and locations (including arrival day on 7 April)</b>	<b>Shanghai program</b>
<b>Agribusiness</b>	Guangzhou 7 and 8 April	Shanghai 9, 10 and 11 April
<b>Built Environment</b>	No regional program	Shanghai 8, 9, 10 and 11 April.
<b>Education</b>	Chengdu 7, 8 and 9 April	Shanghai 10 and 11 April
<b>Financial services</b>	Hong Kong 7 April Beijing 8 and 9 April	Shanghai 10 and 11 April
<b>Food and beverage / Consumer</b>	Guangzhou 7 and 8 April Chengdu 9 April	Shanghai 10 and 11 April
<b>Healthcare and Senior Living</b>	Beijing 7, 8 and 9 April	Shanghai 10 and 11 April
<b>Minerals, energy and METS</b>	Beijing 7 and 8 April Qufu 9 April	Shanghai 10 and 11 April

Please refer to the [latest draft program](#) for information on proposed activities on each day.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Austrade has placed a hold on a large number of discounted rooms in hotels in each of the Chinese cities on the mission where a number of AWIC 2014 functions will be held.

City	Hotel (click to book)	Discount rate (approx.)	Additional advice
Guangzhou	<a href="#">Four Seasons Hotel</a>	AUD \$152 to AUD \$ 213 per night	Use promotion code: CI0414AU
Beijing	<a href="#">China World Hotel</a>	AUD \$197 per night	
Chengdu	<a href="#">JinJiang Hotel</a>	AUD \$170 to AUD \$277 per night	Use corporate code: AUSTRADE
Shanghai	<a href="#">Pudong Shangri-La</a>	AUD \$259 per night	<i>*Please note majority of events in Shanghai will be held at the Pudong Shangri-La</i>
	<a href="#">Grand Hyatt Shanghai</a>	AUD \$267 per night	
<b>Qufu ** Minerals, energy and METS sector on Tuesday 8th April all delegates are required to stay in a hotel arranged by Austrade, further details to follow.</b>			

Note: These rates may be subject to 15 per cent service charge.

To take advantage of these rates and to protect your privacy and personal information (credit card security code, passport details), participants must book directly with the respective hotels for each city using the links provided above by 21 March 2014.

Hotel bookings must be secured by participants' credit card and delegates will be responsible for settling all payments upon check out. For further information on the designated hotels please contact the hotel/s directly and refer to their terms and conditions.

Participants choosing to make their own arrangements are responsible for joining the mission program at the daily commencement point indicated in the sectoral programs to be provided by 21 March 2013



## INTERCITY TRAVEL RESERVATIONS FOR SUB-MISSIONS

Delegates travelling between cities as part of a sectoral mission during Australia Week are responsible for making their own flight reservations.

Based on the timing of the sub-missions, Austrade recommends delegates book one of the following flights for each travel sector:

Sub-mission	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April
<b>Food, beverage and consumer</b>	Guangzhou (CAN) to Chengdu (CTU)  CZ3427 6:45 pm >9:05pm	Chengdu (CTU) to Shanghai (PVG)  3U8647 6:20pm > 8:55pm CA 4591 7:05pm > 9:45pm	
<b>Minerals, energy and METS</b>	Beijing to Qufu via train  [Note: Austrade will make train booking on behalf of delegates]	Qufu to Shanghai via train  [Note: Austrade will make train booking on behalf of delegates]	
<b>Agribusiness</b>	Guangzhou (CAN) to Shanghai (SHA)  CZ3547 7:00pm > 9:00pm		
<b>Education</b>		Chengdu (CTU) to Shanghai (PVG)  3U8647 6:20pm > 8:55pm CA 4591 7:05pm > 9:45pm	
<b>Financial services</b>	Hong Kong (HKG) to Beijing (PEK)  CX 312 5:00pm > 8:25pm		Beijing (PEK) to Shanghai (SHA)  CA1501 8:30am > 10:40am MU5166 8:30am > 10:40am
<b>Healthcare and Senior Living</b>		Beijing (PEK) to Shanghai (SHA)  MU5210 5:00pm > 7:15pm CA 1855 5:30pm > 7:40pm	

As seat numbers on the recommended services are limited, you are advised to make your reservations as soon as possible through your corporate travel agent or via <http://www.crtip.com>. A list of alternative scheduled services between AWIC mission cities is contained in Appendix A.

## **REGISTERING YOUR TRAVEL PLANS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE**

All Australians travelling overseas, whether for tourism or business or for short or long stays, are encouraged to register with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) before travel. The registration information provided by you will help DFAT to find you in an emergency – whether it is a natural disaster, civil disturbance or a family emergency. It may also be used to pass other information to you, such as: new travel advisories, notice of elections and information on other matters relevant to travellers and expatriates.

**Australian citizens can register online at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au)**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGN BRIBERY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS**

Bribery of foreign public officials is a crime. Australian individuals and companies can be prosecuted in Australia for bribing foreign officials when overseas. Australian businesses also need to be aware of how anti-bribery laws of other countries may apply to them including different laws around facilitation payments.

For more information, including in relation to facilitation payments, go to the [Attorney General's Department on foreign bribery](#).

## SOCIAL MEDIA AT AWIC

### Twitter

To promote the initiatives and outcomes of Australia Week in China, Austrade will run a social media campaign on Twitter from 8-11 April. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the opportunities for Australian business in China by leveraging the stories of all delegates and companies taking part. If you or your company is active on Twitter we encourage you to follow the corporate [@Austrade](#) account and to provide the details of your Twitter handle to [dirk.van-graver@austrade.gov.au](mailto:dirk.van-graver@austrade.gov.au)

## ABOUT AUSTRADE

The Australian Trade Commission – Austrade - contributes to Australia's economic prosperity by helping Australian businesses, education institutions, tourism operators, governments and citizens as they:

- develop international markets;
- win productive foreign direct investment;
- promote international education;
- strengthen Australia's tourism industry; and
- seek consular and passport services.

We achieve this by generating market information and insight, promoting Australian capabilities, developing policy, making connections through an extensive global network of contacts, leveraging the badge of government offshore and providing quality advice and services.

Specifically, we:

- Help Australian companies to grow their business in international markets, including through administration of the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme and the TradeStart program.
- Provide coordinated government assistance to attract and facilitate productive foreign direct investment (FDI) into Australia.
- Promote the Australian education sector in international markets and assist Australian education providers with market information.
- Provide advice to the Australian Government on its trade, tourism and investment policy agenda.
- Develop policy, manage programs and provide research to strengthen Australia's tourism industry and to grow Australia's tourism market share.
- Deliver Australian consular, passport and other government services in designated overseas locations.
- Manage the Building Brand Australia program to enhance awareness of contemporary Australian skills and capability and enrich Australia's global reputation.

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# APPENDIX A

Schedule of flights between AWIC sub-mission locations (recommended flights in blue)

**\*\* Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements**

## Tuesday 8 April Guangzhou to Shanghai

Airline	Flight #	Departure Airport	Dep.Time	Arrival Airport	Arr.time	Duration
MU	5308	Guangzhou (CAN)	5:30PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	8:00PM	2h 30m
MU	5312	Guangzhou (CAN)	6:30 PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	8:50PM	2h 20m
<b>CZ</b>	<b>3547</b>	<b>Guangzhou (CAN)</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)</b>	<b>9:00PM</b>	<b>2h 0m</b>
MU	5310	Guangzhou (CAN)	7:05PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	9:20PM	2h 15m
FM	9310	Guangzhou (CAN)	7:30PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	9:50PM	2h 20m
CZ	3595	Guangzhou (CAN)	8:00PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:05PM	2h 5m
FM	9314	Guangzhou (CAN)	8:30PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:50PM	2h 20m
CA	1866	Guangzhou (CAN)	9:00PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	11:15PM	2h 15m

## Tuesday 8 April Guangzhou to Chengdu

Airline	Flight #	Departure Airport	Dep.Time	Arrival Airport	Arr.time	Duration
CA	4302	Guangzhou (CAN)	5:30PM	Chengdu (CTU)	8:05PM	2h 35m
<b>CZ</b>	<b>3483</b>	<b>Guangzhou (CAN)</b>	<b>5:45PM</b>	<b>Chengdu (CTU)</b>	<b>8:05PM</b>	<b>2h 20m</b>
CA	4334	Guangzhou (CAN)	6:30PM	Chengdu (CTU)	9:05PM	2h 35m
ZH	9187	Guangzhou (CAN)	7:45PM	Chengdu (CTU)	10:05PM	2h 20m
CA	4304	Guangzhou (CAN)	8:25PM	Chengdu (CTU)	10:50PM	2h 25m
CZ	3377	Guangzhou (CAN)	8:40PM	Chengdu (CTU)	11:00PM	2h 20m
3U	8736	Guangzhou (CAN)	9:05PM	Chengdu (CTU)	11:25PM	2h 20m

## Wednesday 9 April Chengdu to Shanghai

Airline	Flight #	Departure Airport	Dep.Time	Arrival Airport	Arr.time	Duration
MU	5410	Chengdu (CTU)	5:20PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	7:55PM	2h 35m
<b>3U</b>	<b>8647</b>	<b>Chengdu (CTU)</b>	<b>6:20PM</b>	<b>Shanghai Pudong (PVG)</b>	<b>8:55PM</b>	<b>2h 35m</b>
FM	9544	Chengdu (CTU)	7:00PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	9:45PM	2h 45m
<b>CA</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>Chengdu (CTU)</b>	<b>7:05PM</b>	<b>Shanghai Pudong (PVG)</b>	<b>9:45PM</b>	<b>2h 40m</b>
FM	9466	Chengdu (CTU)	8:15PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	11:00PM	2h 45m
CA	1950	Chengdu (CTU)	8:20PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	10:55PM	2h 35m
FM	9468	Chengdu (CTU)	10:30PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	1:10AM	2h 40m

## Wednesday 9 April Beijing to Shanghai

Airline	Flight #	Departure Airport	Dep.Time	Arrival Airport	Arr.time	Duration
<b>MU</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>Beijing Capital (PEK)</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)</b>	<b>7:15PM</b>	<b>2h 15m</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>1855</b>	<b>Beijing Capital (PEK)</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)</b>	<b>7:40PM</b>	<b>2h 10m</b>
MU	5122	Beijing Capital (PEK)	6:00PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	8:10PM	2h 10m

CA	1885	Beijing Capital (PEK)	6:30PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	8:40PM	2h 10m
MU	5124	Beijing Capital (PEK)	7:00PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	9:15PM	2h 15m
MU	5130	Beijing Capital (PEK)	7:15PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	9:25PM	2h 10m
CA	1857	Beijing Capital (PEK)	7:45PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	9:55PM	2h 10m
MU	5126	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:00PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:10PM	2h 10m
CA	1835	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:00PM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	10:15PM	2h 15m
CA	1589	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:30PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:40PM	2h 10m
FM	9106	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:35PM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:45PM	2h 10m

**Thursday 10  
April**

### Beijing to Shanghai

Airline	Flight #	Departure Airport	Dep.Time	Arrival Airport	Arr.time	Duration
MU	5102	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:00AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	9:55AM	1h 55m
CA	1883	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:00AM	Shanghai Pudong (PVG)	10:15AM	2h 15m
CA	1501	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:30AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:40AM	2h 10m
MU	5166	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:30AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:40AM	2h 10m
CZ	3907	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:40AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:50AM	2h 10m
HU	7605	Beijing Capital (PEK)	8:45AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	10:55AM	2h 10m
MU	5104	Beijing Capital (PEK)	9:00AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	11:10AM	2h 10m
CA	1519	Beijing Capital (PEK)	9:30AM	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA)	11:40AM	2h 10m

# APPENDIX B

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Currency

The Chinese currency is Renminbi (RMB) and is calculated in yuan (commonly called 'kuai'). One yuan is divided into 10 jiao (also known as mao).

The current exchange rate stands at approximately 5.6 yuan to an Australian dollar as at February 2014. For up-to-date currency conversions, see: [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

### Mobile telephones

Please check with your service provider to ensure that your mobile phone handset will work in China before departure. Your service provider will also be able to provide information about international roaming charges.

### Climate

This mission will take place in the middle of the Chinese spring. All the cities on the mission program will be cold with a likelihood of rain.

Forecasts for major Chinese cities can be found on [BBC - Weather Centre](#) or [World Weather Information Service](#).

### Clothing guidelines

Delegates are encouraged to pack light comfortable clothing for the seminars, site visits and intercity travel (no shorts or thongs). The hospitality events are official functions and mission delegates should wear smart business attire. A rain jacket is also recommended.

### Electricity and water

China's electricity supply is 220 volts, 60 Hz; 1, 3, phases, 2, 4 wires. Some hotels also have 110 volt connection points. Connections can be angled three-prong, flat two-pin, or round three-prong. Therefore, it is recommended that you carry a multiple international adapter.

Tap water at most hotels is not drinkable. Drink only bottled or boiled water. Tea is often provided free in hotels.

### Q: Do I have to pay to join the mission?

A Travel, accommodation and personal expenses are to be covered by the individual delegates. Most program inclusions such as seminars and the business lunch on Friday 11 April will be free of charge. Delegates will need to book their own flight and hotels.

**Q: Can Austrade provide me with individual business matching in the cities/during the program?**

A: No. Due to the expected number of mission participants and the diversity of industry sectors represented, business matching cannot be arranged within the short time parameters available. Business matching will be available to companies following the mission where those companies commission Austrade to provide this service. There is a preparation time that usually takes around 6 weeks to ensure the right connections are made for companies.

**Q: Will I have my own personal interpreter during the mission?**

A: No. Translation will be provided for the group at official events (seminar and official lunch or dinner functions). Austrade will provide staff at networking functions to facilitate interactions.

**Q: Can Chinese representatives of Australian companies (staff based in China) apply to join the mission?**

A: Yes, Chinese representatives of Australian companies may also apply to join the mission. Companies are responsible for covering their travel, accommodation and meal (outside of official functions) costs and other personal expenses.

**Q: Can I invite my business and government contacts to the official hospitality functions?**

A: No. Attendance at these functions is by invitation only.

**Q: Can my spouse or family join the mission program?**

A: No. The mission is open to business representatives only.

**Q: If my spouse or family travels with me to the city, can Austrade arrange a separate program for them or assist them with city tours?**

A: No. Hotels can provide information on city tours or refer local travel agents to assist with this.

**Q: If I hire my own personal interpreter in the city, can they join the events and be included on mission group transportation?**

A: No. Places at events and on mission group transportation are strictly limited.

**Q: Will the Ministers attend all events and seminars included in the business program?**

A: It is planned that ministers will participate in some elements of each sub-mission during Australia Week in China.

**Q: Is Austrade responsible for applying for my Chinese travel visa?**

A: No. Participants are responsible for applying for a Chinese visa.

**Q: Can I bring company brochures or samples?**

A: Yes, however Austrade recommends the use of Chinese language promotional materials.



**Q Is there a subsidy that will assist me in paying for the mission?**

**A** There are no government subsidies for the AWIC mission. However, companies may be eligible to apply for the [Export Market Development Grant](#).

**Q Do I have to join the entire program for my sector?**

**A** Delegates do not have to join the entire program. The online registration form on [www.austrade.gov.au](http://www.austrade.gov.au) allows companies to self-select the components of the mission they wish to join. Delegates are requested to stay within the sector chosen.

**Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 399**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Enterprise Agreement**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Can you please provide a copy of DFAT's new enterprise agreement offer letter to staff?***

**Answer**

DFAT has not commenced bargaining on a new enterprise agreement and has not made any offers to staff.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 400**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Integration**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. *Were there any instances in the merging of DFAT and AusAID where sister sections of each department were paired together with more existing staff than full-time equivalent positions available?***
  - a. At this stage of the restructure (where complementary or sister sections of DFAT and AusAID were paired together but redundancies were not complete) what systems or processes governed the paring down of that team?***
  - b. In addition to the voluntary redundancies offered, were any other means employed of reducing staff in the paired sections?***
  - c. Were staff at any point asked to discuss within the DFAT and AusAID paired sections (in a group) who would take voluntary redundancies?***
  - d. Were any redundancies not voluntary and if so, what authority managed the process and what mechanisms were used?***

**Answer**

The integration of AusAID and DFAT, and DFAT's 2014-15 budget allocation, provided the department an opportunity to identify efficiencies in corporate enabling functions. A combination of voluntary redundancies and internal staff movements to other functions has resulted in the size of corporate divisions reducing over time. Decisions on the changes to staff complements were taken at the divisional and branch levels and involved consultation with all affected staff.

All staff across the department have been invited to express interest in a voluntary redundancy. All redundancies taken from the department in 2013-14 and 2014-15 to date have been voluntary.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 401**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Redundancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *How many departmental employees have taken redundancies to date?*
  - a. *How many former AusAID employees have taken voluntary redundancies to date?*
  - b. *What is the breakdown by APS level of former AusAID employees who have taken voluntary redundancies?*
  - c. *How many pre-merger DFAT employees have taken voluntary redundancies to date?*
  - d. *What is the breakdown by APS level of pre-merger DFAT employees who have taken voluntary redundancies?*
  - e. *How many people have volunteered for a redundancy but not yet received one?*
  - f. *How many former AusAID employees have volunteered for a redundancy but not yet received one?*
  - g. *How many pre-merger DFAT employees have asked for a redundancy but not yet received one?*
2. *How many more redundancies are expected?*
3. *Are compulsory redundancies being considered?*
4. *Have any former DFAT or AusAID employees complained that they received an unfair redundancy as a result of the merger? How are these complaints being handled?*

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### Answer

1. A total of 254 employees have accepted voluntary redundancies to 30/6/2014.

a) 174

b)

Classification levels	Pre-merger AusAID staff
SES Band 3	2
SES Band 2	3
SES Band 1	8
EL2	29
EL1	65
APS6	43
APS5	23
ASPS4	1

c) 96

d)

Classification levels	Pre-merger DFAT staff
SES Band 2	1
SES Band 1	2
BB4/EL2	12
EL1	45
APS6	6
BB2/APS5/APS4	26
BB1/APS1/APS2/APS3	4

e) 10

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f) 3

g) 7

2. The redundancy program remains open until 11 July 2014. As it is based upon voluntary take-up it is not possible to predict a final number.

3. No.

4. No.

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### Question No 402

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### Question

1. *What is the full breakdown by APS level of the employees who worked for AusAID before the merger was announced and no longer do?*
2. *What is the full breakdown by APS level of the employees who worked for former-DFAT before the merger was announced and no longer do?*
3. *How many AusAID specialists above EL2 were employed by AusAID before the merge was announced? How many are left?*
4. *How many DFAT specialists above EL2 were employed by DFAT before the merge was announced? How many are left?*

### Answer

1. The table below details the APS level of the employees who worked for former-AusAID before 1 November 2013 and separations to date.

Level (by headcount)	31 October 2013	Separations to 30 June 2014
SES	69	17
EL2	269	48
Medical Officers	0	0
EL1	624	90
APS6	420	72
BB2 (APS4/5)	254	80
BB1 (APS1/2/3)*	84	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>316</b>

\*Includes graduates, cadets and trainees.

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2. The table below details the APS level of the employees who worked for former-DFAT before 1 November 2013 and separations to date.

Level (by headcount)	31 October 2013	Separations to 30 June 2014
SES	211	9
EL2	349	23
Medical Officers	7	2
EL1	788	56
APS6	260	26
BB2 (APS4/5)	731	57
BB1 (APS1/2/3)*	179	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>196</b>

\*Includes graduates, cadets and trainees.

3. Former AusAID had one SES Health specialist before integration. There has been no change to date.
4. Former DFAT had 9 SES specialists including the Director of Safeguards and the Head of the Overseas Property Office before the merger. There has been no change to date.



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**Question No 403**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Corporate knowledge**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Are any measures being taken to protect aid and international development knowledge and expertise in the department? If yes, what are they?*

**Answer**

The department continues to build development policy and aid management capabilities across the Department. Dedicated areas such as the Development Policy Division and Contracting and Aid Management Division are responsible for developing the expertise of DFAT in aid and development, including by providing training and expert advice, and promoting effective knowledge management.

In addition to ongoing effort to build and maintain development policy and aid management capabilities, DFAT is currently developing a four year strategic workforce plan. This activity will ensure that capability requirements are identified and appropriate strategies implemented to support long term skill requirements.

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**Question No 404**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Crikey has reported: "All staff were advised on 28 May that over the course of two years, 2013-14 and 2014-15, there will be a reduction of 65 positions at posts. 797 positions overseas will continue. Decisions on the timing of reductions are being made in consultation with relevant posts." Crikey 2 June 2014*
  - a. *Is this report true?*
  - b. *What informed this decision making?*
  - c. *What reduction of duties will accompany reduction of staff overseas?*
  - d. *Which regions/posts will be reduced?*
  - e. *How regularly and by what means are the decisions around staff reductions being communicated to overseas employees (both locally engaged and posted)?*

**Answer**

- a. Yes.
- b. A review of staffing levels was conducted by the department's integration task force with the objective of adjusting staffing levels in Canberra and overseas to reflect reductions in the aid program and corporate efficiencies available following integration of AusAID and DFAT
- c. The reduction of positions overseas reflects reductions in the aid program and corporate efficiencies available following integration of AusAID and DFAT.
- d. Posts across DFAT's global network are affected, particularly those with aid programs as consistent with reductions in planned aid spending.
- e. The outcome of the review of staffing levels was announced by the Secretary through the department's intranet.

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**Question No 405**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Embassies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What is the expected number of embassies and high commissions that will be merged with others?*
- 2. What is the expected number of embassies and high commissions to close?*

**Answer**

1. Nil.
2. DFAT does not expect to close missions at the present time.

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**Question No 406**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Since the initial merging of DFAT-AusAID complementary sections to date which sections have reduced in staff numbers and which sections have grown larger? Please list all of them.*

**Answer**

The integration of DFAT and former AusAID was complex and involved both the transfer and merging of functions, and staff following functions, rather than a straightforward merging of sections. There is no direct comparison between many pre-integration and post-integration sections so it is not possible to provide the requested information at the section level.

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**Question No 407**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Specialists**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. How many specialists in development, foreign policy and trade are envisioned being in place after the merger is complete?*
- 2. How many contractors are envisioned being used in the Department post-merge?*

**Answer**

1. The department is currently developing a four year strategic workforce plan. This plan will identify specialist capability requirements in support of the department's foreign policy, trade, and aid outcomes.
2. The department is expecting to continue its practice of augmenting the APS workforce with contractors and locally engaged staff at posts. The quantity of contractors at any given time will vary according to work demands and availability of in-house resources.

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**Question No 408**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staff locations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Which sections of former AusAID and pre-merger DFAT are currently housed in Barton and which in London Circuit?*
- 2. How many DFAT and former AusAID complementary sections are currently split across more than one location?*
- 3. What is the intended makeup of each physical location after the merge is entirely complete?*

**Answer**

*Question 1:*

Former sections of AusAID no longer exist in their pre-integration form. As at 1 July 2014, the Department has an integrated organisational structure.

*Question 2:*

Currently 11 of the Department's 25 divisions and two stand-alone branches are located in both Barton and Civic buildings.

*Question 3:*

The intended makeup of each physical location is still being planned by the Department, with no final decision made.

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**Question No 409**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Integration (Consultants)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *How many outside agencies have been brought in as consultants on the IT integration of the department?*
  - a. *How long were they initially contracted for and how long did it take them to complete the task(s) assigned?*
  - b. *How much has been spent on the IT integration to date?*
  - c. *How much more spending is expected?*

Answer

1 One outside agency has been used to support the IT Integration of the department.

1a KPMG initial engagement has been to support integration from 1 November 2013 through to 30 June 2014.

1b \$819,254 has been spent on consultancies for IT integration to date.

1c KPMG services against the existing contract were extended from 1 July 2014 through to mid August 2014 and will utilise the remaining funds being approximately \$37k from that contract.

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**Question No 410**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Employee shuttle bus**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *For a time there was an employee shuttle running between the Barton and London Circuit offices - is this still the case?*
  - a. *From what date to what date was the shuttle running?*
  - b. *Was it cancelled and if so why?*
  - c. *Is there any evidence that the shuttle boosts communication and exchange between the two locations?*
  - d. *How much was spent on the running of the shuttle?*
  - e. *Were employees being asked to show ID when boarding?*

**Answer**

1. Yes.
  - (a) The shuttle bus has been in operation since 3 March 2014 and continues to operate daily between the R G Casey building in Barton and Allara Street in Civic.
  - (b) No.
  - (c) The shuttle bus has experienced higher than anticipated demand from its inception, averaging 226 passengers per day. The department has received positive feedback on the service, with staff indicating the bus is important for facilitating integration and increasing productivity, especially for those work areas which are not yet co-located.
  - (d) To date, total expenditure on the shuttle bus is \$64,899.93 (including GST).
  - (e) The driver visually notes employees' ID upon boarding.



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**Question No 411**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Graduates**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Is it true that the most recent graduate intake is being trained in two streams – foreign affairs/trade and international development?*
  - a. *Why is this practice being used?*
  - b. *Will the Department continue having two ‘streams’ within personnel?*

**Answer**

The most recent (2014) graduate intake was recruited in two streams, consisting of either generalist Policy Graduate (PG) roles or generalist Corporate Graduate (CG) roles. PGs and CGs are being trained through a two-year professional development program that is designed to meet the department’s foreign, trade and development policy priorities. Current year PGs and CGs undertake most training programs jointly.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) At the graduate level, the Department is continuing to recruit both Policy Graduates and Corporate Graduates.

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**Question No 412**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Travel**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Travel entitlement – given that AusAID staff generally travelled more for work than DFAT staff, will all staff have an equal travel allocation?*
  - a. *If so, will this hinder former AusAID staff and aid specialists from doing their jobs properly?*
  - b. *What consideration are being made so that this is not the case?*

**Answer**

The department does not apply a travel allocation. Travel is undertaken when necessary to advance the government's policy agenda in line with the Department of Finance's guidelines on official international travel (Finance Circular 2013/06).

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 413**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Besides travel, what consideration is being made for the difference between former AusAID and DFAT staff and how they perform their roles?*

**Answer**

The department has made significant progress in moving to an integrated operating structure and a key component of integration is to move to common terms and conditions for its employees. The department will continue to provide a professional and flexible work environment to all staff irrespective of their originating department.

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**Question No 414**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Rebranding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Will the Department be renamed to acknowledge aid and international development?*

*What names are being considered?*

**Answer**

No.

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**Question No 415**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Employee Survey**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Note the DFAT employee survey results which found “Just 33 per cent of former AusAID staff feels part of the team, compared with 70 per cent of their colleagues who have always been at DFAT” – does the Department agree that this needs to be remedied in order for former AusAID employees to be retained long term?*
2. *Note the DFAT employee survey results which found “Just 33 per cent of former AusAID staff feels part of the team, compared with 70 per cent of their colleagues who have always been at DFAT” – what measures in the department taking to specifically make former AusAID staff feel more included and engaged in their work?*

**Answer**

1. The Pulse survey results were an important measure at a point in time of staff views. It was not unexpected that staff should feel less certain in the middle of a complex integration process. The department takes its responsibility seriously and has put in place additional measures to assist staff (see answer to part 2).
2. The department is taking a number of measures to ensure all staff are engaged.

Specific survey results are being addressed through a stronger commitment to more tailored communication by management, and in particular through Division Action Plans. These Action Plans include increased communications to ensure staff are engaged within their section, branch and division.

Since the survey, the budget has been released and the number of staff reductions announced, providing more certainty to staff. The department has fully integrated and a new organisational structure is in place.

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With the launch on 18 June of the Government's new development policy *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability* and performance framework *Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid*, staff have a vital role in the Department's implementation of the aid program's new strategic directions.

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**Question No 416**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Staffing / Survey**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Would the Department agree that a loss of more former AusAID staff than have already been lost be damaging to the Department? If so, what is being done to prevent that from happening?*
2. *Has the Minister been consulted on the findings of the survey?*

**Answer**

1. For the Department to operate within its budget, the Department needs to reduce its staffing numbers by 500 APS positions in the course of 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years. The Department is managing staff reductions through voluntary redundancies, not renewing non-ongoing contracts, and natural attrition. Both former AusAID and former DFAT staff are choosing to leave the Department.

The Department is currently developing a four year strategic workforce plan. This will ensure the Department will have the capability to deliver on its foreign affairs, trade and aid priorities.

2. Yes.

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**Question No 417**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Departmental responsibilities / capacity**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*How will the new merged department ensure that the number of actions and mandates of the Department not exceed capacity?*

**Answer**

In light of machinery of government changes, DFAT has undertaken a comprehensive review (full-time equivalent staff review) of its resources and their allocation to ensure the department can continue to effectively and efficiently deliver on the Government's foreign policy, trade and development priorities.



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### Question No 418

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### Question

1. Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #74, please clarify the following:
  - a. Is it correct that \$31,834 was spent on technical equipment alone over the six day period in question and that additional funds would have been spent on room hire, catering and travel expenses?
  - b. Could you please provide a breakdown of those additional expenses?
  - c. Is it correct that the only outcome of this particular meeting period was to identify work priorities?
  - d. How many people attended this meeting? Who were they?

### Answer

- 1a. The final amount for technical equipment was \$35,066. This amount was for audio-visual equipment hire and technical support for the duration of the meeting. These services were sourced through a limited tender process consistent with the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997. Additional funds were spent on room hire, catering and travel expenses for the meeting.
- b. Additional expenses as follows:

Room hire:	\$6,200
Catering at meeting venue:	\$23,000
Logistics staff, policy staff and delegate travel:	\$10,868

Australia supported travel expenses for one delegate from Myanmar, the 2014 ASEAN chair and G20 guest. This cost is included in the above travel expense. No other international delegates' travel costs were supported by the Australian

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Government. The above services were sourced in accordance with the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997.

- c. The primary purpose of the Development Working Group (DWG) meeting, one of three in 2014, was to agree to priorities and a comprehensive work agenda to deliver on the mandate set by leaders in St Petersburg in 2013. The DWG meeting also delivered a range of other outcomes including:
- agreeing to enhanced working practices and governance structure with a purpose of improving the effectiveness and impact of DWG activities in the longer term;
  - adopting coordination and monitoring mechanisms for improved tracking and follow up on incomplete G20 development commitments;
  - agreeing to work plans and terms of reference to consolidate and progress DWG priorities, including work on food security, automatic tax information exchange, tax base erosion and profit shifting, and approving the development of a terms of reference for an assessment of project preparation in Asia;
  - endorsing the 2014 agenda for the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) and the G20 Financial Inclusion Action Plan;
  - strengthening the working and coordination mechanisms between the DWG and the G20 Infrastructure and Investment Working Group to enhance delivery of G20 infrastructure priorities; and
  - agreeing on strategies for outreach to low income countries to allow for ongoing consultation and communication about the G20 development agenda and priority activities.
- d. Eighty-eight people attended the meeting. Participants were senior officials from G20 members, international organisations and invited G20 guests.
- G20 members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States.
  - G20 guests: Ethiopia (as the then chair of the African Union), Myanmar (as the chair of ASEAN), New Zealand, Singapore and Spain.
  - International organisations: African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Inter-American Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank Group, World Food Programme and World Trade Organization.

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**Question No 419**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Corporate - Tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Referring to tender #CN2322101 for \$226,341.88 for the provision of statistical survey, please clarify the following:**
  - a. What was the survey on?**
  - b. What was the purpose of the survey?**
  - c. How many people were surveyed?**
  - d. What are the intended outcomes?**
- 2. Referring to tender #CN2307611 for \$105,600.00 for the provision of Events Management, please clarify the following:**
  - a. How many events was this for?**
  - b. Over what time period?**
  - c. For how many people?**
  - d. What was the purpose of the events?**
  - e. What is the expected outcome of the events?**
- 3. Referring to tender #CN475234 for \$242,600.00 for security surveillance and detection, please clarify the following:**
  - a. What was the nature of this security surveillance and detection?**
  - b. Over what period of a time was it provided?**
  - c. For whom?**
- 4. Referring to tender #CN2086191 for \$94,660.00 for legal services, please clarify the following:**
  - a. What was the nature of the legal service provided?**
  - b. Why was it needed?**
  - c. Over what period was the service delivered?**

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**Answer**

1.
  - a) Public perceptions of inequality in Indonesia.
  - b) To facilitate a shared understanding of inequality perceptions amongst the Indonesian public as well as Australian and Indonesian policy makers. Survey questions were designed to elicit responses regarding levels of inequality, attitudes towards government policies that promote equality and individuals' perspectives regarding upward mobility.
  - c) 3,000 people spread across the 33 provinces of Indonesia.
  - d) Evidence-based, informed political debate based on tested theories. The survey will provide policy makers with an understanding of the link (or lack thereof) between inequality perceptions and support for policies that promote equality. It is also expected that this work will inform the focus of the Australian Government's aid program in Indonesia.
2.
  - a) Tender #CN2307611 is for the provision of four events.
  - b) The four events are intended to be held between June 2014 and mid-2015.
  - c) Each event is expected to cater for approximately 25 participants and 2 experts
  - d) The purpose of the series of events is to develop the scientific capacity of Indian Ocean Rim States to accurately assess fish stocks and better understand fisheries management practices.
  - e) It is expected that at the conclusion of the series of events, participants will have developed a comprehensive understanding of fisheries science and good fisheries management, with a view to influencing Indian Ocean Rim States to reach agreement on sound and scientific based fisheries management arrangements in the Indian Ocean region.
3. This is a classified piece of equipment purchased Government to Government (UK) in 2012 for use in DFAT.

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4. Tender #CN2086191 relates to legal advice obtained by the Department with respect to foreign bribery proceedings being brought in Victoria by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions against former executives of Securrency and Note Printing Australia. The Department is unable to provide any further clarifications as sought in (a) and (b) as to do so would constitute a waiver of legal professional privilege. In regards to the clarification sought in (c), the \$94,660 relates to legal services provided between 18 December 2013 and 30 May 2014.

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**Question No 420**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Heads of Missions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Can you please provide an updated version of the chart of posts becoming vacant given in response to question on notice #12 from Additional Estimates?*

**Answer**

**Forthcoming Head of Missions and Head of Posts becoming vacant**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Commencement in 2014 (after 1 July)</b>	
Addis Ababa	Ambassador
Athens	Ambassador
Bangkok	Ambassador
Beirut	Ambassador
Brussels	Ambassador
Chicago	Consul-General
Geneva UN	Ambassador
Lima	Ambassador
Nairobi	High Commissioner
Noumea	Consul-General
Paris	Ambassador
Paris OECD	Ambassador
Suva	High Commissioner
Taipei	Representative
<b>Commencement in 2015</b>	
Baghdad	Ambassador
Bandar Seri Begawan	High Commissioner
Beijing	Ambassador

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Cairo	Ambassador
Dhaka	High Commissioner
Hanoi	Ambassador
Harare	Ambassador
Ho Chi Minh City	Consul-General
Holy See	Ambassador
Hong Kong	Consul-General
Honolulu	Consul-General
Islamabad	High Commissioner
Jakarta	Ambassador
Kabul	Ambassador
Kuwait City	Ambassador
Los Angeles	Consul-General
Malta	High Commissioner
Mexico City	Ambassador
New York UN	Ambassador
Nicosia	High Commissioner
Port Vila	High Commissioner
Rangoon	Ambassador
Riyadh	Ambassador
Shanghai	Consul-General
Singapore	High Commissioner
Tarawa	High Commissioner
The Hague	Ambassador
Tokyo	Ambassador
Vienna	Ambassador
Washington	Ambassador
Wellington	High Commissioner
Zagreb	Ambassador

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**Question No 421**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Interaction with PMO**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*See Additional Estimates 2014 QoN #1, #60, #61, #62, #327, #328, #329 which were all unanswered or answered insufficiently - please answer all seven in detail.*

**Answer**

The Questions on Notice from Additional Estimates 2014 and further responses are:

*Q1. Are you able to take on notice getting back to us with a more detailed response as to the interaction between the department of foreign affairs and the PM's office since the Prime Minister became the Prime Minister, including formal meetings that have been held? I understand there are quite a lot of informal meetings and conversations that get held and I am not asking you to track all them down, but I just want to get an understanding of how the interaction between DFAT and the PM's office is working. Is that okay?*

*Q60. Are staff from the Prime Minister's Office in direct contact with the Department? Can you please provide a full list of all PMO staff who have had contact with the department? On which dates and times has each staff person on that list been in touch with the department?*

*Q61 Does Mark Higgie independently contact the department? Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the department with whom he has been in contact? On which dates and times has he been in contact?*

*Q62 Have any staff members of the Prime Minister's office ever attended a briefing the department was giving to the Foreign Minister's office? Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the PMO who ever attended a briefing the department was giving to the Foreign Minister's office as well as the general topic of the briefing and the dates on which each briefing occurred?*



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*Q327 Does Andrew Shearer independently contact the department? Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the department with whom he has been in contact? On which dates and times has he been in contact?*

*Q328. Are any staff members from the Prime Minister's office ever cc'ed on emails between the department and the Foreign Minister's office? Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the PMO who have ever been cc'ed on emails between the department and the Foreign Minister's office? On which dates and times were these emails sent?*

*Q329. Have any staff members of the Prime Minister's Office ever contacted an Australian mission overseas? Can you please provide a full list of all missions who have been contacted by staff from the PMO, the names in each instance of the PMO who were in contact, and a full list of the dates on which the contact occurred?*

Answer: As we have previously advised, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade notionally interacts with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, while contact with the Prime Minister's Office would be through relevant Ministers' offices. In the course of discussing and addressing some policy issues, including between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, there are cases where those discussions include the Prime Minister's Office, including through emails, formal and informal meetings and interactions. It would also be usual for the Department to have direct contact with the Prime Minister's Office in the lead-up to and during overseas visits.

Seeking details of each individual interaction, including dates and times of all staff contact, would require all missions overseas and each policy area in the Department to review their file holdings across a diverse range of possible subjects, representing an unreasonable diversion of resources.

In regards to Q61 on contact with Dr Mark Higgie, on 15 May 2014, Dr Higgie was announced as Australia's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and NATO and is currently based in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to commencing his appointment.

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**Question No 422**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Andrew Shearer - Japan visit**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*1. Andrew Shearer, Senior Adviser on National Security to the Prime Minister travelled to Japan for bilateral meetings:*

- a. Who was the team who travelled with him? Please provide their names, levels, and functions within PMO/DFAT.*
- b. When did the team members arrive in Japan?*
- c. When did Shearer arrive in Japan?*
- d. When did the team depart?*
- e. When did Shearer depart?*
- f. What was the level of contact between Shearer and the team prior to the travel?*
- g. What preparations went into the trip?*
- h. Did DFAT brief Shearer? If so, was Abbott or a Minister present?*

**Answer**

Andrew Shearer visited Japan from 19 to 21 May for bilateral meetings. We would refer questions about Mr Shearer's trip to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. No Canberra-based DFAT officers travelled to Tokyo with Mr Shearer. DFAT staff at Post provided some logistical support for the visit.

DFAT did not provide a briefing to Mr Shearer before his visit. Australia's Ambassador to Japan, Bruce Miller, briefed Mr Shearer in Tokyo. No Ministers were present at any briefing or at any of the meetings in Tokyo.

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**Question No 423**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Andrew Shearer - Indonesia visit**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Andrew Shearer, Senior Adviser on National Security to the Prime Minister travelled to Indonesia for bilateral meetings on phone hacking:*
  - a. *Who was the team who travelled with him? Please provide their names, levels, and functions within PMO/DFAT.*
  - b. *When did they arrive in Indonesia?*
  - c. *When did Shearer arrive in Indonesia?*
  - d. *When did the team depart?*
  - e. *When did Shearer depart?*
  - f. *What was the level of contact between Shearer and the team prior to the travel?*
  - g. *What preparations went into the trip?*
  - h. *Did DFAT brief Shearer? If yes, was Abbott or a Minister present?*

**Answer**

1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g): Details about the travel of Prime Minister's advisers are a matter for the Prime Minister's Office and the Department of Finance as the responsible agency for funding travel for staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.

1(h): No.

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**Question No 424**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Travel**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Can you please provide an updated version of the table provided in response to question # 177 from Additional Estimates questions on notice including the following details:*
  - a. *How many days did the Minister spend in each country?*
  - b. *How many staff travelled with her?*
  - c. *Which staff members travelled with her (by name)?*
  - d. *Do those staff members work for DFAT, the Minister's office, or for the PM's office?*
  - e. *If from the PM's office, was this a one-off instance or a reoccurring staffing arrangement? And what was that particular adviser's qualification or reason to staff that visit?*
  - f. *Who did the Minister meet with?*
  - g. *What advice did the Department provide in relation to these meetings/visits?*
  - h. *What was the total cost of the trip?*
  - i. *What were the outcomes of the meetings?*
  - j. *What was the value to Australian diplomacy and the overall foreign affairs agenda?*

**Answer**

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (f) These details have been provided in the response to Question 304.

(e) No staff from the Prime Minister's Office travelled with the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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(g) The department provides briefings to Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary for their overseas visits as a matter of course.

(h) This information has been provided in the response to Question 304.

(i) – (j) Outcomes of meetings and the contributions made to Australia's interests from Ministers' travel overseas are reflected in Ministers' public statements and press releases.

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**Question No 425**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial - Travel**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*1. Additional travel expense questions:*

- a. What is the total cost of the Minister's travel since coming into office?*
- b. How many days has Bishop spent overseas since election?*
- c. What is the average cost per day of her travel?*
- d. What was her phone bill in each quarter?*

**Answer**

- a. The Department of Finance has not yet tabled costs for this period.
  - b. Ms Bishop has spent a total of 118 days travelling since taking office as of 8 September 2013.
  - c. Costs per day are not known.
  - d. The cost for Ms Bishop's mobile phone by quarter are:
    - a. \$1455 – October to December 2013
    - b. \$3214.23 – January to March 2014
    - c. \$8353.71 – April to May 2014
- The cost for Ms Bishop's BlackBerry by quarter are:
- d. \$4239.71 – October to December 2013
  - e. \$1238.00 – January to March 2014
  - f. \$382.38 – April to May 2014

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**Question No 426**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: China**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Is it true that when Ambassador Ma Zhaoxu left Australia unexpectedly on Monday 26 May, DFAT was unaware of his departure until he had already left the country?*

**Answer**

The Chinese Embassy advised DFAT of the Ambassador's absence on 26 May 2014.

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**Question No 427**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ambassadors**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Are there other examples of instances where an Ambassador left Australia without warning the Department? Please provide a list.*

**Answer**

The Protocol Guidelines on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website advise that 'The Chief of Protocol should be formally notified of the final departure of a Head of Mission' (Section 2.9 [http://www.dfat.gov.au/protocol/Protocol\\_Guidelines/02.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/protocol/Protocol_Guidelines/02.html)). They do not request advice for absences. We cannot therefore provide a list of absences.



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**Question No 428**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: China**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Does the Department agree with the following statement: "Chinese ambassador Ma Zhaoxu's sudden return to Beijing is also an indication of China's growing displeasure with Australia." Why or why not?*
- 2. The Chinese government have accused the US of spying on their Australian embassy – how has the government responded to this accusation?*

**Answer**

1. No. Ambassadors leave their posts temporarily for many reasons, including leave, consultations and travel.
2. The Australian Government does not comment on intelligence matters.

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### **Question No 429**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - Ambassador**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia was recalled in November 2013 and returned quietly on 26 May - how often are Ambassadors recalled from Canberra?*
  - a. *Can you please provide examples of precedent – including reason for recall, severity of issues, length of recall, how it was handled?*
2. *Between November 2013 and 26 May 2014 was the Ambassador encouraged to return?*
  - a. *How frequently?*
  - b. *By whom?*
3. *What is the current state of the relationship between Indonesia and Australia?*

### **Answer**

1(a): The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not maintain specific records of when Heads of Mission are recalled early or temporarily. We are aware that the Indonesian Ambassador was recalled in March 2006 in response to the 43 Papuans who sought asylum in Australia. The Indonesian Ambassador returned to Australia on 11 June 2006.

2(a) and (b): Ambassador Nadjib was recalled by the Indonesian government for consultations. This is a sovereign right of all governments. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade did not make formal representations to the Indonesian Government regarding the return of Ambassador Nadjib to Australia.

3: The bilateral relationship with Indonesia continues to be one of Australia's most important. Australia continues to maintain an active, deep and diverse relationship with Indonesia.

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**Question No 430**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - Operation Sovereign Borders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *What impact has the Government's Operation Sovereign Borders had on Australia's relationship with Indonesia?*
2. *Specifically, what programs have been cancelled or suspended as a result of OSB?*

**Answer**

1: Operation Sovereign Borders has not had a material impact on Australia's relationship with Indonesia. The bilateral relationship is cooperative and broad based.

2: No programs have been cancelled or suspended as a result of Operation Sovereign Borders.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 431**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - PM's cancelled trip**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*1. Prime Minister's cancelled Indonesia trip:*

- a. What is the Open Government Partnership Conference?*
- b. Who typically attends?*
- c. How important is it that Australia attends?*
- d. What work was the Department prioritising ahead of this year's Conference?*
- e. What official advice was provided by DFAT to the Prime Minister or his office regarding his attendance at the Open Government Partnership Conference in Bali in May?*
- f. Was there any interaction with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection regarding this advice?*
- g. What was the nature of this advice?*
- h. Was there any interaction with the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or his office?*
- i. What was the nature of this advice?*
- j. When did the PMO indicate to the Indonesian government that the Prime Minister was expected to attend?*
- k. When did the PMO inform the Indonesian government that the Prime Minister was cancelling his trip?*
- l. At what level was this information conveyed?*
- m. Did a representative of the Australian Government attend this important event on the PMs behalf? If not, why not?*
- n. Who besides Abbott was scheduled to go and pulled out?*

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*o. Did they give the same amount of notice?*

#### **Answer**

1(a): The OGP is a multilateral initiative that promotes transparency in government, encourages citizen participation and tackles corruption. As one of the chairs of the Open Government Partnership for 2013-14, Indonesia hosted the OGP Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Bali 6-7 May 2014.

1(b): According to the OGP website, member government representatives, government observers and civil society representatives are invited to attend OGP Conferences.

1(c): The Department of Finance is the lead agency on the Open Government Partnership and is best placed to answer this question.

1(d): The Department of Finance is the lead agency on the Open Government Partnership and is best placed to answer this question.

1(e), (f), (g), (h) and (i): The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade did not provide official advice to the Prime Minister or his office, or the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or his office, regarding the Prime Minister's attendance at the Open Government Partnership Conference in Bali.

1(j), (k) and (l): Details on discussions between the Prime Minister's Office and the Indonesian Government are a matter for the Prime Minister's Office.

1(m): Mr John Sheridan, Australian Government Chief Technical Officer and Procurement Coordinator from the Department of Finance, attended the Regional Conference in an observer capacity.

1(n): We understand the Minister for Finance declined an invitation to attend. We are not aware of any other Ministerial invitations.

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**Question No 432**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - PM's rescheduled trip**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *The Prime Minister's rescheduled trip – on the week of 2 June the PM visited Indonesia including for a meeting with SBY:*
  - a. *Who extended this invitation/request?*
  - b. *On what date was the invitation extended?*
  - c. *On what date was the invitation accepted?*
  - d. *Were other requests made before this meeting was set up by either the Indonesian side or Australia?*
  - e. *For how many hours was the PM in Indonesia on the week of 2 June?*
  - f. *Prior to this visit, when was the last time the PM sat down with SBY?*
  - g. *Prior to this visit, when was the last time the PM visited Indonesia to meet SBY?*
  - h. *In this most recent meeting what progress was made on discussing the spying dispute, Australia's turn back the boats policy, instances of Australian ships crossing into Indonesia's territory, and the accusation of Australia's disregard for Indonesia's sovereignty?*
  - i. *Is this number of disputes and conflicts in foreign relations with one country over such a short time period typical? Can you name a few other examples in Australian history where this happened?*

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**Answer**

1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h): Details on the Prime Minister's visits abroad and on his discussions with foreign leaders are a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

1(i): The bilateral relationship with Indonesia continues to be one of Australia's most important. It is cooperative, broad ranging and mutually beneficial. It is not uncommon for neighbouring countries to experience differences in opinion in the course of their otherwise close relationship. The approach of the Australian Government, and that of successive governments, is to resolve such matters respectfully and in a spirit of partnership.



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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 433**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - Elections**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Is the Department keeping the Government well briefed on the Indonesian elections?*

**Answer**

Yes.

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### **Question No 434**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *Have any Australian Ministers met with Joko Widodo (Jokowi) or General Prabowo Subianto?*
  - a. *Who and on which occasions?*
  - b. *In how much depth, for how long?*
  - c. *If not, why not and have meetings been requested with either? Is this being made a priority?*
  - d. *What efforts are being made (by the Department and by Ministers) to ensure that the ground work has been laid with the candidates and that Australia is ready to act quickly when the new government comes in?*

### **Answer**

1(a) and (b): Indonesia's two presidential candidates and their running mates were formally announced by the Indonesian General Elections Commission on 20 May 2014. In the weeks since the announcement, no Australian minister has met with either candidate/running mate. The presidential election campaign began on 4 June and concluded on 5 July 2014. It would be inappropriate for Australian Ministers to meet with the candidates during the campaign period.

2: The Australian Embassy in Jakarta continues to engage the candidates and their senior aides. The candidates have publicly expressed positive sentiments about the importance of the bilateral relationship with Australia. The Government will act quickly to establish formal ties with Indonesia's incoming government following the President's inauguration on 20 October 2014.

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**Question No 435**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Baili Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Can you please provide an update on the Bali Process?*
- 2. What progress has been made on the Bali Process since the election in September 2013?*
- 3. What ministerial level engagement has there been with the Bali Process since the election in September 2013?*

**Answer**

1. The 28th Bali Process Steering Group meeting and 8th Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials Meeting are scheduled for August 2014, to progress Bali Process regional cooperation on people smuggling and human trafficking issues, including agreeing a forward work program. Australia will host the meeting.
2. Refer to response to Q439 for further information on the progress of Bali Process activities since the Fifth Ministerial Conference.
3. Australian and Indonesian Ministers regularly engage on Bali Process issues, to ensure continued momentum on outcomes from ministerial conferences, and recognising the importance of regional collaboration to address people smuggling, human trafficking and related transnational crime.

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**Question No 436**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Baili Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Are there any initiatives underway through ASEAN to progress the work of the Bali Process and regional cooperation on people-smuggling/displaced persons?*

**Answer**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade works with ASEAN member states and the ASEAN Secretariat to combat trafficking in persons at national and regional levels, through the *Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP)*. ASEAN countries are also members of the Bali Process, and these ASEAN activities and consultations complement the work of the Bali Process.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection also engages with ASEAN on people smuggling and border management issues through the annual *ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation*, and the associated ASEAN-Australia Programme of Work. Further information on the most recent consultation, on 30 August 2013, can be found at: [www.asean.org/news/asean-statement-communiques](http://www.asean.org/news/asean-statement-communiques)

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**Question No 437**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Bali Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*When is the 6th Ministerial Conference of the Bali Process scheduled to take place?*

**Answer**

The Bali Process Ministerial Conference occurs every two years. The last one (5th Ministerial Conference) was held on 1 April 2013. The 6th Ministerial Conference is expected to take place in the first half of 2015.

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**Question No 438**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Baili Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Please provide an update on the implementation of the Regional Cooperation Framework (RCF) and detail Australia's participation in this activity.*
2. *What financial contribution is Australia making to the RCF?*
3. *What practical initiatives are being progressed by Australia and Indonesia under the RCF towards strengthening regional cooperation to better manage the irregular movement of people in the region?*
  - a. *When did these activities begin?*
  - b. *Have they been suspended at any point?*
  - c. *If so, for what reasons?*
  - d. *Are they still suspended?*
  - e. *If so, when are they expected to resume?*
  - f. *What impact will this have on the medium and long term irregular movement of persons in the region?*
  - g. *What does that mean for Australia?*

**Answer**

1. The Regional Cooperation Framework (RCF) is being implemented through the Bali Process Regional Support Office (RSO) in Bangkok. The RSO was established in 2012 to strengthen practical cooperation amongst members on refugee protection and international migration, including people smuggling and human trafficking. The RSO is co-managed by Australia and Indonesia.

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2. Australia is the largest donor to the RSO, committing up to \$5.2 million over 2011-2015 to fund the establishment, ongoing costs and projects of the RSO.
3. (a) Current RSO projects include:
  - A data management project, implemented by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) commencing in 2012, which identified gaps and barriers in information sharing amongst Bali Process members. Research findings will inform the development of a regional mechanism to collect, use and share migration data among Bali Process countries;
  - A voluntary return, support and reintegration assistance project being implemented by the IOM, under the auspices of the RSO. The project supports the voluntary return of individuals or groups from Bali Process Member States to the countries of origin, when safe to do so and when no other mechanism exists to facilitate their voluntary return;
  - The development of a set of policy guides to assist policy makers and practitioners of members countries strengthen legislative frameworks to criminalise trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling. Australia co-chaired with Thailand a drafting committee of several Bali Process Members; and
  - An information campaign project aimed at raising awareness of the risks of migrant smuggling, the dangers of being trafficked, and the promotion of useful information on safe migration.
- 3(b)-(g) No RCF activities have been suspended.

A new RSO program of work will be considered at the forthcoming Bali Process Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials Meeting. Further information on RCF activities can be found at: <http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/activities>.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Bali Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Are any Australian officials currently working in the Regional Support Office (RSO)?*
  - a. *If so, how many?*
  - b. *What tasks are they undertaking?*
  - c. *How long are they expected to be working in the RSO for?*
  - d. *What financial contribution is being made by Australia to RSO activities?*
2. *Has Australia had any involvement in the development of a cooperation program between the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation and the RSO?*
  - a. *If so, please detail that involvement?*
  - b. *If not, can you please outline what member states of the Bali Process are involved and why Australia is not participating?*
3. *Has Australia assisted in the establishment of the Ad Hoc Group aimed at addressing trafficking in persons?*
4. *The 5th Bali Process identified labour trafficking as an increasing problem for the region. What work has Australia done to help address this problem through the Bali Process?*
5. *Has Australia been involved in the development of guidelines (in consultation with the RSO and other Bali Process member states) that will promote a consistent understanding of international legal obligations regarding people smuggling and trafficking?*



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#### **Answer**

1. One senior Australian official has been working in the Regional Support Office (RSO). The official co-manages the RSO on an ongoing basis. The Australian and Indonesian co-managers oversee the implementation of the RCF, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). Australia is committing up to \$5.2 million over 2011-2015 to fund the establishment, ongoing costs and projects of the RSO.
2. Yes, at the 5th Bali Process Ministerial Conference on 1 April 2013, it was agreed that the RSO and the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) would establish a regional training partnership. The RSO co-managers are currently working with JCLEC to formalise the details of this partnership. Once established, the first activity under this partnership will be the development of a regional training curriculum for frontline border officers, which is expected to commence in the last quarter of 2014.
3. Yes, the 5th Bali Process Ministerial Conference also directed the Bali Process Ad Hoc Group to establish a working group to specifically address trafficking in persons. Australia worked with the Government of Indonesia to develop a draft terms of reference for the working group, which will be presented for endorsement at the Senior Officials Meeting in August (refer to answer to Q437).
4. See paragraph 3 above.
5. Yes, the 5th Bali Process Ministerial Conference agreed that the RSO and interested Bali Process members develop guides to assist policy makers and practitioners put in place effective domestic legislation on criminalising migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. The guides were drafted by a committee co-chaired by Australia and Thailand, and also comprised Indonesia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The guides were endorsed at a consultation workshop held in March 2013 and will be presented for endorsement at the Senior Officials Meeting in August.

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### **Question No 440**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Baili Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *Has the Government progressed the recommendation of the Ministerial Conference that priority be given to building on the regional roundtable on irregular movement by sea (hosted by Indonesia and the UNHCR)?*
  - a. *If so, what progress has been made?*
  - b. *Have any recommendations been made?*
  - c. *If recommendations have been made, what has Australia's role been in implementing (or assisting to implement) these recommendations?*

### **Answer**

1. (a)-(c)

Yes, as recommended at the Ministerial Conference of 2 April 2013, the Regional Support Office (RSO) is working with Bali Process members to take forward the various issues discussed at the regional roundtable on irregular movement by sea, which was held from 19 to 20 March, 2013 in Jakarta.

- The RSO convened a meeting on Mapping Disembarkation Options: Towards Strengthening Cooperation in Managing Irregular Movements by Sea, on 3-4 March, 2014, in Bangkok. Interested countries are now working with the RSO to map disembarkation and post-disembarkation practices.
- The RSO will also develop a set of regional guidelines to improve disembarkation coordination and awareness of applicable legal standards.
- A set of thematic briefs is being developed on best practice models for reception, profiling and registration of refugees and asylum seekers.

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Australia will host the next Bali Process Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials Meeting in Canberra on 6 August. This meeting will discuss the outcomes of a workshop on the Protection of Irregular Movement of Persons by Sea, held in Jakarta on 21-22 April, 2014, that was co-hosted by Indonesia and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Australia's role has also included funding of up to \$5.2 million over 2011-2015 for the establishment and ongoing costs and projects of the RSO.

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**Question No 441**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Baili Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Does Australia participate in the Voluntary Reporting System on Migrant Smuggling and Related Conduct developed by the UN?*
- 2. Does Australia participate in the sharing of migration-related information with other member states of the Bali Process?*

**Answer**

1. Yes.
2. Yes.

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**Question No 442**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Bali Process**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*How will the Government's decision to cut funding to Offshore Biometrics Programme (DIBP) impact on the work of the Bali Process Technical Experts Working Group on Irregular Movements?*

**Answer**

The Government's decision to reduce funding to the Offshore Biometrics Programme has no impact on the work of the Bali Process Technical Experts Working Group on Irregular Movements. This working group is not funded by the Offshore Biometrics Programme.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 443**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia - Code of Conduct**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *The code of conduct which has been in progress since the spying dispute is a key to resolving diplomatic relations with Indonesia - can you confirm each of the areas of cooperation impacted by the current difficulties that exist between Indonesia and Australia?*
2. *Which areas are covered in the current draft?*
3. *Is the current draft sitting with the Indonesians or with us? For how long? How many times have changes been handed back and forth?*
4. *What are the sticking points?*
5. *What is causing the delay in reaching an agreement?*
6. *Would you describe the code of conduct agreement as a high priority for the Australian Government?*
7. *Which areas of DFAT and personnel in the PMO and the Foreign Minister's office have taken carriage of the draft code of conduct and negotiations?*
8. *What efforts have been made to expedite agreement on the document?*
9. *Is the code of conduct a priority for Abbott's current trip to Indonesia?*
10. *When can a final agreement be expected?*
11. *What are the chances it will not be before the Indonesian elections? What will the impact on the negotiation be if an agreement is not reaching before the election?*

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#### **Answer**

1: The three areas of cooperation that were formally suspended by President Yudhoyono on 20 November 2013 were: information and intelligence exchanges; military exercises; and coordinated military operations, including to combat people smuggling.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Concluding negotiations on a Joint Understanding between Australia and Indonesia on intelligence matters remains a key priority for both sides. The two governments have exchanged drafts and it remains under active consideration. Reaching agreement on international instruments can take time. Both countries continue to work closely and cooperatively to advance drafts of the Joint Understanding.

7: Officials from the South-East Asia Maritime and Legal Divisions within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and advisers from the Foreign Minister's Office have been involved developing the Joint Understanding. Details on who in the Prime Minister's Office may have been involved would be a matter for that office.

8: Both countries continue to cooperate closely to conclude the Joint Understanding.

9: Advice on what constituted a priority for the Prime Minister's 2 June visit to Indonesia would be a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

10: The Foreign Minister has indicated that a Joint Understanding could be finalised at the upcoming 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministers' Meeting on a date to be determined.

11: Both countries remain committed to concluding a Joint Understanding as soon as practicable.

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**Question No 444**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Thailand**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Australia has postponed three activities including a military operations law training course for Thai military officers; a reconnaissance visit for a counter improvised explosive device training exercise; and a reconnaissance visit for a counter terrorism training exercise:*
  - a. *Is disengaging the best course of action?*
  - b. *What positive actions are being taken in the region?*
  - c. *What is being done to strengthen democracy, good governance, democratic institutions, etc.?*

**Answer**

1.
  - a. The Australian Government has not disengaged from the Thai military.
  - b. The responses of governments in the region are a matter for those governments.
  - c. Although Australia does not have a bilateral aid program with Thailand, the Australian Embassy in Bangkok regularly engages with Thailand's judicial bodies and relevant government agencies on governance and the rule of law. As part of this engagement, in September 2013, the Australian Government funded the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG to present on rule of law to high-ranking members of Thailand's judiciary.



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### **Question No 445**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Nigeria**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *On 14 April 2014, 300 Nigerian girls were kidnapped from their school by Boko Haram*
  - a. *What specifically has the Australian government offered?*
  - b. *What is the dollar value of assistance provided?*
  - c. *Besides listing Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation, what other steps have been taken by the Australian government in the interests of finding the girls?*

### **Answer**

- a. The Government has made a general offer to provide any assistance the Nigerian Government may find useful to its efforts to locate and secure the release of the abducted school girls. Nigeria has thanked us for our support but has not made a specific request for assistance.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Australia has been actively engaged in the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) response to Boko Haram's terrorist activities. On 22 May, Boko Haram was added to the Al-Qaida Sanctions List by the UNSC 1267 (Al-Qaida) Sanctions Committee, which is chaired by Australia. Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau and the splinter group Ansaru were added to the sanctions list on 26 June.  
Australia and Nigeria are currently exploring ways to increase cooperation on counter-terrorism.

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**Question No 446**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ukraine**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Have any Australian Ministers met with Piotr Poroshenko?*
  - a. *If yes, who, when, for how long and for what purposes?*
  - b. *If not, have meetings been requested? And is this a priority?*
2. *Have any Australian Ministers spoken by phone with Piotr Poroshenko?*
  - a. *If yes, who, when, for how long and for what purposes?*
  - b. *If not, has a phone appointment been requested? And is this a priority?*
3. *What efforts are being made (by the Department and by Ministers) to ensure that Australia is building a relationship with the new President?*

**Answer**

1. **Please note the following answers are relevant to the time the Questions were received by the Department.**

1. Prime Minister Abbott met President Piotr Poroshenko during D-Day commemorations on 6 June in Normandy, France.
  - 1b. No meetings for DFAT ministers have been requested at this time. As President Poroshenko is Head of State, it would be unusual for the Foreign Minister or Trade Minister to request meetings. We would look for opportunities for meetings with the new Ukrainian government where possible and appropriate.
2. We are not aware of any telephone conversations.
  - 2b. A phone appointment for DFAT ministers has not been requested.
3. Prime Minister Abbott has written to President Poroshenko congratulating him on his appointment as President of Ukraine.

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In support of Ukraine and affirming Australia's support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, Foreign Minister Bishop announced (on 19 March and 21 May) two tranches of targeted financial sanctions and travel bans on individuals who had been instrumental in the Russian threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

On 15 May Foreign Minister Bishop announced an Australian contribution of \$300,000 for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

Foreign Minister Bishop spoke by telephone to Acting Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Andrii Deshchytisa, on 18 March 2014), and met Ukraine's Prime Minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, at the 24-25 March 2014 Nuclear Security Summit in the Hague.

Foreign Minister Bishop has written to the new Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Mr Pavlo Klimkin, who was appointed on 19 June 2014.

As of 1 July, Australia has spoken in support of Ukraine at 22 formal and informal meetings of the UN Security Council covering the situation in Ukraine.

Our Ambassador to Ukraine (non-resident accreditation based in Warsaw), Jean Dunn, has been active in her engagement with the Government of Ukraine. Ambassador Dunn attended President Poroshenko's inauguration in Kyiv on 7 June. In addition, Ambassador Dunn has met with former Foreign Minister, Andrii Deshchytisa, (prior to appointment of the new Foreign Minister on 19 June), and the Ukrainian Minister for Economic Development and Trade; Minister for Energy; Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Deputy Minister of Defence.

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**Question No 447**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What has the Australian government offered as assistance in response to the recent floods?*
- 2. What was the dollar value of the assistance offered?*
- 3. What was the dollar value of the assistance delivered?*
- 4. For the record have we given anything besides our condolences?*

**Answer**

1. Australia provides core support to the United Nations and other international organisations for their global operations enabling them to respond to situations such as the Western Balkans Floods.

In 2013-14, this included:

- \$9 million for the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs,
- \$36 million for the World Food Programme, and
- \$1 million for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Disaster Relief Emergency Fund.

At a bilateral level, the Australian Government disbursed a small number of grants to provide assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia in relation to the Western Balkans Floods.

In 2013-14, this included:

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- \$30,000 from the Australian Embassy in Vienna (which is responsible for Bosnia and Herzegovina) to support the humanitarian response and recovery efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and
  - \$5,000 from the Australian Embassy in Belgrade for medical supplies in Serbia.
2. See answer 1.
  3. See answer 1.
  4. See answer 1.

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### **Question No 448**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Sri Lanka**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *Minister Bishop has opposed a UN resolution to conduct a war crimes inquiry in Sri Lanka:*
  - a. *Did the Department provide advice to the Minister's office?*
  - b. *Did the Department make a recommendation on the UN vote?*
  - c. *Was the PMO consulted or briefed by DFAT as well?*
  - d. *Did the Minister consult with the community or external experts on the matter?*
  - e. *Prof Peiris thanked the Government of Australia for their understanding of the Sri Lankan situation, and for declining to co-sponsor the Resolution against Sri Lanka at the Human Rights Council in March - has the Minister been thanked by anyone who is not Sinhalese?*

### **Answer**

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes.
- c) The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade consulted the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on the issue.
- d) Yes, in the lead up to the March Human Rights Council (HRC) session Ms Bishop consulted with a range of stakeholders, including from Sri Lanka's Tamil National Alliance and the Australian Tamil Congress.  
  
Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade also engaged with a range of stakeholders and experts.
- e) Ms Bishop has received a range of views following the decision.

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**Question No 449**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: India**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Has Prime Minister Abbott rung Modi more than once since his election victory?*
  - a. *For how long did they speak?*
  - b. *Has Minister Bishop rung Modi?*
  - c. *Have either the Prime Minister or the Foreign Minister met with Modi previously?*
  - d. *Has Modi invited either the Prime Minister or the Foreign Minister to India?*
  - e. *Is a visit planned? If yes, for who and in what time frame?*
  - f. *What other plans are in place for engagement with India's new leadership team?*

**Answer**

1. No. The Prime Minister spoke via telephone to India's new Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on 16 May.
  - a. This is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
  - b. No. Ms Bishop has spoken via telephone and exchanged letters with her new Indian counterpart, Mrs Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs.
  - c. No.
  - d. Invitations to the Prime Minister are a matter for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Mr Modi has not invited Ms Bishop to visit India. Mrs Swaraj has advised Ms Bishop that she looks forward to Ms Bishop's attendance at the next annual meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue, which is to be held in India.
  - e. Visits by the Prime Minister are a matter for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Australia and India have an established bilateral

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architecture of annual ministerial meetings covering a range of portfolios, including Foreign Affairs, Trade, Defence, Education, and Energy. These usually alternate between being hosted in India and Australia. As is usual practice, visits by Ministers to India to participate in these meetings will be announced once all approvals have been received and final arrangements have been made.

- f. The Australian Government has moved quickly to engage with the new Indian Government and will be working together to strengthen our bilateral Strategic Partnership, including through the architecture referred to in 1(e), cooperation in key regional and multilateral fora, and other mechanisms. During their introductory telephone call on 16 May, the Prime Minister invited Prime Minister Modi to visit Australia for the G20 Summit in November



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**Question No 450**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Israel**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Australian Ambassador Dave Sharma attended a meeting in East Jerusalem with Israel's Housing and Construction Minister Uri Ariel regarding which Dr Saeb Erakat, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation's negotiation arm wrote a letter to the Foreign Minister:*
  - a. *Can you please provide a copy of the letter?*
  - b. *How did this meeting come about? Who was the inviting party?*
  - c. *Was the Minister consulted on whether or not it should be held?*
  - d. *Did the Department consider the consequences and implications?*
  - e. *Did the Department provide advice on the consequences and implications?*

**Answer**

- a. No.
- b. The meeting was scheduled as part of the Embassy's regular pattern of engagement with the Israeli Government.
- c. No.
- d. No. The department in Canberra was not aware in advance of the meeting's location.
- e. No.

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**Question No 451**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Syria**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. The United Nations' has called for an unprecedented \$6.5 billion appeal for relief to the Syrian refugee camps -- what has the Australian Government offered in response to the humanitarian disaster in Syria?***
- 2. What is the dollar value of assistance given to Syria under the current administration?***
- 3. As a member of the UN Security Council, what role is the Australian Government expected to play in the humanitarian crisis in Syria?***

**Answer**

1. As of 7 July, Australia had provided \$30 million in response to the UN's 2014 Syria appeals. This makes Australia the 11th largest donor. Our total humanitarian assistance in response to the crisis is \$130.8 million since 2011.
2. Since 18 September 2013, Australia has provided \$30 million in humanitarian assistance for Syria. We have also provided an additional \$2 million for the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria.
3. Australia's starting point is that the UN Security Council should be actively addressing all aspects of the Syrian Conflict as a serious threat to international peace and security. As a committed Council member, Australia is advocating strongly for the Council to support political efforts to end the conflict. Given the Council deadlock on the political track, Australia has taken the lead role in driving Council action on the worsening humanitarian crisis.

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Australia and Luxembourg co-authored a Security Council Presidential Statement on the humanitarian crisis in Syria adopted in October 2013. Building on this Presidential Statement, in February 2014 the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2139 on the humanitarian situation in Syria, only the second resolution passed on Syria since the conflict began. UNSCR 2139 demanded that all parties to the conflict cease attacks on civilians and allow humanitarian agencies access to people in need. The Resolution was co-authored by Australia, Jordan and Luxembourg and Australian diplomats played an important role negotiating it through the Council.

Regrettably, as the UN Secretary-General has reported to the Council, the parties to the conflict and particularly the Syrian regime have failed to adhere to the core demands of Resolution 2139 and the humanitarian situation has worsened. Australia with other Council members is looking at what further steps the Council might take to address the humanitarian crisis.

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**Question No 452**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Fiji**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Would the Department agree that democracy in Fiji is making progress but is still highly fragile?*
2. *What benchmarks, mechanisms and plans are in place leading up to Fiji's election?*
3. *In his speech at the 2014 Doha Forum, former French Prime Minister, Dominique de Villepin warned against "formal democracies without the democratic spirit" and "a return to corruption and clientilism" in young democracies. Villepin proposed instead a "second age of democracy," guided by the recognition that each nation must evolve according to its own organic logic, and in its own time:*
  - a. *Where does Australia see the boundary between guidance and intervention?*
  - b. *How does the Department define Australia's role?*

**Answer**

1. Fiji has made good progress towards democratic elections scheduled for 17 September, including;
  - . the release of the Electoral Decree and appointment of a Supervisor of Elections on 28 March 2014

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- . Prime Minister Bainimarama's resignation as Commander of the Fiji military on 5 March and the registration of his political party, Fiji First, on 5 May
  - . the appointment of Fiji's Electoral Commission on 9 January
  - . the registration of five political parties
  - . and the registration of over 550,000 voters.
2. Australia is committed to supporting Fiji's return to parliamentary democracy and is working closely with Fiji and other international donors to support democratic elections in September 2014. Through the aid program, we have provided close to \$1 million in the 2013-14 financial year. This includes funding to support four Australians to fill the positions of Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Director of Operations and technical advisers in the Fiji Elections Office. Australia has also agreed to co-lead a Multinational Observer Group, subject to the agreement of suitable terms of reference
3. Australia's support for Fiji's elections is in response to a direct request from the Fiji Government. The upcoming elections represent an important opportunity for the people of Fiji to shape the political future of their country.
4. A stable, democratic and prosperous Fiji is in the interests of Australia and the region. The Department will continue to work closely with the Fiji Government and other international partners to support Fiji's return to democracy, and to enhance engagement between our two countries.

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### **Question No 453**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Multilateral meetings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *The fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014:*
  - a. *Who from Australia attended?*
  - b. *What were the major outcomes?*
  - c. *What follow-up action is being taken?*
  - d. *Can you please provide copies of any briefings or reporting documents that came out of the session?*
2. *There will be a high level meeting in September on planning for the post-2015 MDGs:*
  - a. *Who from Australia is planning to attend?*
  - b. *Will a Minister attend?*
  - c. *Will the Department send senior representatives?*
  - d. *Who has been invited?*
  - e. *What is being done to prepare and who is working on it?*
  - f. *Will there be opportunity for bipartisan meeting and consultation?*
3. *G20 - "The G20 has made impressive contributions to global economic governance, particularly in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. Today, however, its relevance is increasingly being questioned. As the only international grouping that brings together developed and developing countries it is important that the forum is effective. But it can only do so if it demonstrates its relevance to addressing the key problems facing the global economy. Formulating a meaningful strategy for increasing economic growth and creating jobs is essential to the future of the G20. As chair in 2014*

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*Australia should lead that effort. It will not be easy but at this stage in the G20's evolution it is essential.”:*

- a. What section(s) in the department are working on it?*
- b. How many staff?*
- c. Have cuts to the department impacted these sections?*
- d. Will there be opportunity for bipartisan meeting and consultation ahead of the G20?*

### **Answer**

1. A. Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women and Her Excellency, Natasha Stott Despoja AM, Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls, supported by officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from Canberra and the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

B, C, D. On Tuesday 13 May 2014, the Report of the Australian Government Delegation to the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women was tabled in Parliament by Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women. The Report details the outcomes of CSW58 and follow-up actions.

Any further questions should be directed to the Office for Women in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

2. The post-2015 development goals are a key theme for this year's United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), including its opening week in late September. Australia's delegation has not yet been announced.
3. A. As advised in the answer to Question on Notice 68, DFAT has a G20 Special Representative and two branches within the DFAT Trade and Economic Policy Division working on G20 issues.

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The G20 and International Economy Branch (IEB) is headed by an SES Band 1 officer and contains the following sections:

- G20 Trade and Economic Issues Section
- G20 International Engagement Section
- International Economy and Financial Institutions Section.

The G20 Development Policy and Planning Branch (GDB) is headed by an Band 1 officer and contains the following sections:

- G20 Planning and Logistics Section
- G20 Access to Financial Services and Food Security Section
- G20 Infrastructure and Domestic Resource Mobilisation Section
- G20 Policy Coordinator Section.

B. There are 41 positions in the G20 structure, comprised of staff at the SES, Executive and APS levels, of which 39 are occupied. A short-term Treasury secondee is also currently working in the division. As outlined in the answer to Question on Notice 68, the staff in the International Economy and Financial Institutions Section work on both G20 and non-G20 issues.

C. No.

D. The Government will consider opportunities for a bipartisan meeting and consultation closer to the date of the G20 meeting.



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 454**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Marrakesh Treaty**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Which Department is responsible for The Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities?*
- 2. Can you please clarify precisely what role is played by the AGD and DFAT in relation to this Treaty?*
- 3. Who is responsible for the preparation of Australian domestic law for ratification?*
- 4. Who is responsible for advising the government on the substantive effect of the treaty on copyright law?*
- 5. What role does the Attorney-General play in the decision to sign, or not to sign, this Treaty?*
- 6. What part did Australia play in the negotiation of the Treaty?*
- 7. Was Australia a strong player in the conclusion of the Treaty?*
- 8. The conclusion of the treaty was an unexpected success, wasn't it? How have key stakeholders reacted to the conclusion of the Treaty?*
- 9. How many countries have now signed the Treaty?*
- 10. Have the USA and the UK now signed the Treaty?*
- 11. The Treaty is open for signature until June 26. Will the government sign the Treaty?*
- 12. Given the role we played in negotiating the Treaty, would it embarrass Australia if we did not sign the Treaty before June 26? How would a failure to sign be received internationally?*
- 13. What steps need to be taken in order to sign the Treaty?*

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**14. If Australia does not sign the Marrakesh Treaty before June 26, will accession be possible? What steps will need to be taken to accede to the Treaty?**

**Answer**

1. The Attorney-General's Department leads a whole of government approach to the *WIPO Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled* (Marrakesh Treaty).

2. The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), in consultation with other departments, negotiated the Marrakesh Treaty and implemented the government's decision that Australia should become an original signatory to it. The Marrakesh Treaty relates to copyright, which is a matter AGD deals with under the Administrative Arrangements Order. DFAT is responsible for advising the government on treaties, as well as international aspects of intellectual property including trade-related policy, under the Administrative Arrangements Order. The Minister for Foreign Affairs is responsible for referring treaty matters (regardless of subject matter) to the Executive Council for approval.

3. AGD is leading whole of government efforts to bring the Marrakesh Treaty forward for ratification.

4. AGD is principally responsible for advising the government on the Marrakesh Treaty's substantive effect on, and any implementation under, Australia's copyright law. DFAT has a general role in advising the government on Australia's treaty commitments, including on intellectual property.

5. On the government's advice, the Executive Council decided that Australia should sign the Marrakesh Treaty. In keeping with well-established practice, the Attorney-General consulted with all ministers with a portfolio interest in the Marrakesh Treaty's subject matter, after which the Minister for Foreign Affairs submitted the Marrakesh Treaty to the Executive Council.

6. Australia was an active participant in the Marrakesh Treaty's negotiation under the auspices of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

7. Yes. Stakeholders have expressly recognised Australia's support for the treaty and its role in the negotiations.

8. The Marrakesh Treaty's adoption has been welcomed by a diverse range of stakeholders in Australia and elsewhere.

9. 80 countries, including Australia, have signed the Marrakesh Treaty.

10. Yes, the United Kingdom and the United States of America are signatories.

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11. Yes. Australia signed the Marrakesh Treaty in Geneva on 23 June 2014.
12. Australia has signed the Marrakesh Treaty, as advised in response to Question 11.
13. The necessary steps, including Executive Council consideration and approval, were taken to enable Australia to sign the Marrakesh Treaty.
14. As Australia has signed the Marrakesh Treaty, accession to it will not be necessary.

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**Question No 455**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Australia Network**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Was the cut to the Australia Network discussed with the ABC prior to being announced?**
- 2. Did the Australia Network have targets or performance indicators?**
- 3. Were they mutually set between DFAT and the ABC?**
- 4. When were they set?**
- 5. Was there a reporting process in place for DFAT and the ABC to check in on progress against the performance indicators?**
- 6. Did the ABC report to DFAT on progress against the targets?**
- 7. What was the nature of the feedback provided by DFAT to the ABC?**
- 8. Can you please provide a copy of the most report provided by DFAT to the ABC?**
- 9. Has the Minister seen the report?**
- 10. Has her office been provided a copy? When?**
- 11. What feedback or response did the Minister give the ABC on this report and the performance?**
- 12. Was the Australia Network's performance meeting DFAT's expectations on economic diplomacy (attracting investment, tourists and students) and public diplomacy as per the performance indicators?**
- 13. The Australia Network was making inroads into Chinese and Indonesian markets with comparatively little funding to competitors - what does the Department envision will take the place of these programs?**

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- 14. In your evidence on Australia Network you referred to a report by the Lowy Institute. Was this the report from September 2010 titled “International Broadcasting and its Contribution to Public Diplomacy”?**
- a. For clarity this report was just commissioned by the ABC as the Lowy report “Australia’s Diplomatic Deficit” touched on the important role of public international broadcasters, is that correct?**
  - b. Table 1 of the report lists the international services available in Asia –it lists the UKs BBC World Service, Germany’s Deutsche Welle, Al-Jazeera (in English), Radio France International and France24 as well as TV5 aimed at French speakers, China’s CCTV, Japan’s NHK World, South Korea’s Arirang and the US Broadcasting Board of Governors. All of these provide television services, don’t they?**
  - c. Senator Fifield did note that prior to 1994 there was no Australian International television service, but one has been continuously available since then, has it not?**
  - d. The Lowy Report notes that Australia Network is now the 4th iteration, is that correct?**
  - e. While the contract with Foreign Affairs was only relatively new, the ABC was the previous provider of the service?**
  - f. In the absence of any other international broadcasting service, is it credible for the ABC to be fulfilling its international broadcasting obligations without a television service?**
  - g. Table 2 of the Lowy report lists the international broadcasting expenditure per capita for selected countries – notably those broadcasting into Asia. They are: UK \$6.75; France \$6.74; Germany \$4.49; Japan \$1.69; USA \$2.34; and Australia \$1.56 - This demonstrates the issue that you mentioned that other countries are spending far more than Australia, doesn’t it?**
  - h. As a consequence of the decision of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to cancel the Australia Network contract what will Australia’s per capita expenditure become?**

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### **Answer**

1. The Department has met with the ABC regularly through the period of the funding agreement to discuss performance of the Australia Network.
2. Yes. These were listed in the funding agreement between DFAT and the ABC.
3. Yes.
4. In August 2013 when the DFAT-ABC funding agreement was signed.
5. Yes.
6. Yes.
7. DFAT provided feedback consistently to the ABC, through regular informal coordination meetings and formally; most recently in correspondence from the Secretary to the ABC Managing Director on 17 April 2014.

DFAT monitored the service, drawing on ABC's reporting, views of stakeholders and the public, and reporting from our diplomatic posts. DFAT advised the ABC of its concerns about shortcomings in the service which impede its effectiveness as a public diplomacy tool, particularly:

- its limited availability on mostly subscription services
  - the mixed relevance of television content for regional audiences; and
  - its lack of diversity, with insufficient content from non-ABC sources.
8. No. Reporting by the ABC under the funding agreement is commercial-in-confidence.
  9. DFAT did not provide a copy of the report to the Minister. The Department briefed the Minister on progress of the Australia Network against the performance indicators of the funding agreement.
  10. See response to part 9, above.
  11. See response to part 9, above.
  12. DFAT has not conducted a formal review of the Australian Network business plan in this year. DFAT's feedback to the ABC is outlined in the response to part 7, above.
  13. The ABC's charter provides for the delivery of an international service. The ABC may choose to deploy its resources and partnerships to continue to provide a service a region.
  14. DFAT did not refer to a report by the Lowy Institute at SES hearings in June. DFAT is aware of the report.

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- a. The report acknowledges ABC funding.
- b. Yes.
- c. DFAT commenced funding an international television service in 1994. The service went off air in early 2001 following the Seven Network's decision to discontinue the contract it won in 1997. The service resumed in late 2001, under contract to the ABC.
- d. Yes.
- e. Yes.
- f. This is a decision for the ABC.
- g. Yes.
- h. Nil

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**Question No 456**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Public Diplomacy - Councils**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. *Have there been cuts to funding for the Japan, China and Indonesia Councils?***
  - a. Are cuts expected?***
  - b. What is the expected impact?***

**Answer**

1. There have been no cuts to funding provided for the Australia-Japan Foundation, Australia-China Council and Australia-Indonesia Institute for 2014-15 under the International Relations Grants Program, including both administered and departmental funding.
  - a. No cuts are expected.
  - b. n/a.



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**Question No 457**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change – Department’s work on environment, climate change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. *What is the department doing on environment and climate change in G20 prep, post-2015 MDGs, and in other multilateral forums?***
  - a. How many staff are working on these issues?***
  - b. How much is being spent?***
  - c. What long term targets, etc. exist?***

**Answer**

1. The department is working to maintain Australia’s economic competitiveness and seek broad-based international action and agreement, in the UN climate negotiations, other international climate fora, and through bilateral climate change engagement with major economies.

The department is engaged in UN discussions on the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, which include consideration of environmental and climate change issues.

G20 members agree that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the right forum for climate change negotiations. The G20 agenda includes work on practical issues such as improving energy efficiency which will help address climate change.

- a. Staff working on environment and climate change issues in multilateral forums are located in various parts of DFAT depending on the forum in question. Staff numbers working specifically on climate change and environment vary according to developments in relevant multilateral forums such as the G20 and post-2015 development agenda. It is

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therefore not possible to provide an accurate figure, or to disaggregate the department's spending on these functions from its spending on overall representation across all issues in these forums.

- b. See (a)
- c. The department is leading Australia's engagement in negotiating a new global climate change agreement under the UNFCCC that would establish from 2020 a common platform for all countries to take serious and coordinated global climate action.

See above with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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**Question No 458**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change – Australia on climate change and the environment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Have foreign governments and officials raised concerns with either the Department or the Minister on the reversal of Australia's position on climate change and environmental issues?*

*a. Which ones and on which occasions?*

**Answer**

The Minister discusses a range of domestic, bilateral and global issues including climate change in her meetings with counterparts.

The department has discussed Australia's climate change policies with a broad range of countries at negotiations under the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other UNFCCC-related meetings.

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**Question No 459**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Can you explain the Department's role in the negotiations with the World Heritage Committee regarding Australia's request to have 74,00ha removed from the World Heritage List?*

- a. Can you explain any additional negotiations the Department is undertaking with regards to this bid?*
- b. Are you aware of any international commentary this policy?*
- c. What is the tone of that commentary?*
- d. What impact does that sort of commentary have on Australia's international reputation?*

**Answer**

- a. Responsibility for Australian Government policy in relation to world heritage issues rests with the Department of the Environment (DoE). DFAT supports these interests through its diplomatic network. The Australian Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, engages with the World Heritage Centre, technical advisory bodies and other permanent delegations to put forward Australia's position on world heritage issues as directed by DoE.

The Australian Permanent Delegation to UNESCO lodged Australia's request for a minor boundary modification to the World Heritage Centre in Paris on 31 January 2014. In the lead up to and during the World Heritage Committee (WHC) meeting in Doha, Qatar from 15-25 June, the Australian delegation, which included officials from the Australian Permanent Delegation in Paris, engaged these stakeholders on the Tasmanian Wilderness issue to explain the rationale for the Government's proposed minor boundary modification and seek their support.

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Australian Missions accredited to WHC member states were also tasked by DoE to inform relevant counterparts in Committee member capitals of Australia's position and to seek their support in the lead up to the Doha meeting.

- b. Yes, relevant Australian Missions have reported on international media interest and commentary on this issue.
- c. Commentary has varied.
- d. Australia has long been an active and constructive party to the UNESCO *Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*. We continue to have a good reputation as a positive contributor to the work of the WHC and in managing our 19 world heritage areas listed under the Convention. The Australian Government respects the decisions of the Committee, will continue to honour its obligations under the World Heritage Convention and to work constructively with the Committee on world heritage issues.

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**Question No 460**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change - US-China MOU**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Are you aware of the MOU signed by the United States and China which commits to reaching an outcome at the Paris meeting in 2015?***

- a. Can you indicate the impact this might have on Australia's role in the negotiations in Paris?***
- b. Are there any plans for Australia to begin similar discussions with other countries?***

**Answer**

Yes.

A. The Australian Government welcomes progress being made by countries, including collaboration between the US and China, towards a new global climate change agreement by 2015 that applies to all and creates a common playing field for post 2020 action.

B. Australia has had a climate change partnership with China since 2004, under which Australia and China have held annual Ministerial Dialogues on Climate Change since 2008. Australia also has regular Senior Officials Talks (SOTs) on climate change with New Zealand, Japan and China with a view to improving collaboration on domestic and international climate change issues.

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**Question No 461**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change – G20**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Has the Department had any discussions with officials from G20 participants about the inclusion of climate change on the G20 agenda?***
- 2. Has the Department received any incoming communications on the exclusion of climate change from the G20 agenda?***

**Answer**

1. Yes, climate change has been discussed.
2. No.

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**Question No 462**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change – Attendance at meetings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***A. Can you please provide details of Australia's attendance at any bilateral or multilateral climate change meetings or conferences in the last financial year 2012/13 and the current financial year 2013/14?***

***B. Can you please provide details of Australia's attendance at any climate change meetings or conferences planned for the coming financial year 2014/15?***

***C. Does the Department expect Australia will be represented at September's United Nations Climate Change Summit hosted by the UN Secretary General?***

***a. Who will be Australia's representative?***

***b. Can the Department provide information on Australia's additional meetings or discussions planned during that Summit?***

***D. Can the Department provide information on Australia's participation in climate change related meetings and conferences leading in to the Paris Conference in 2015?***

**Answer**

A. During the 2012-13 Financial Year, 55 overseas trips were made by Canberra-based Australian government officials to attend bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral climate change meetings and conferences; and during the 2013-14 Financial Year, 39 overseas trips were made for the same purposes. Australia's representation at these meetings often consisted of more than one official owing to the complexity and range of issues



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considered or negotiated. In many cases, officials attended multiple meetings as part of a single overseas trip.

These meetings included those that were part of the official negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, plurilateral dialogues on issues directly relevant to the international climate change negotiations, and bilateral exchanges on climate change.

B. Decisions on Australia's attendance at climate change meetings and conferences during the 2014-15 Financial Year will be made in due course. Australia will attend climate change meetings where attendance is considered a priority for Australia's national interest.

C. Yes, Australia will be represented at the UN Secretary General's Climate Change Summit in September 2014.

- a. A decision on Australia's representation at the Summit will be made closer to the date of the Summit.
- b. Australia's program for the Summit will be finalised in due course.

D. Australia will attend climate change meetings and conferences in the lead up to the 2015 Paris Conference where attendance is considered a priority for Australia's national interest.

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**Question No 463**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Can the Department outline the climate change related programs that have been funded in the 14-15 DFAT Budget?***

**Answer**

International Climate Change Engagement has a budget of \$3 million for 2014-15, to encourage the development of international policies and measures on climate change. In addition, Australia will deliver a large part of its support for climate change activities through bilateral and regional programs, which was not detailed in the Budget papers.

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**Question No 464**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Can the Department outline its plans to negotiate Australia's contribution to the Green Climate Fund?***

**Answer**

A. See answer to question 147 (3).

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**Question No 465**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Can the Department outline the work being done in Asia-Pacific countries to assist those communities to prepare for and adapt to climate change impacts?***

**Answer**

The new aid policy, *Australian Aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, states that the aid program will work with countries in the region to build resilience to climate-related shocks and manage the impacts of climate change. Australia will deliver a large part of its support for climate change activities through bilateral and regional programs.

Building resilience to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change is a focus of Australia's aid program in Vietnam. Australia is working with a range of development partners to help Vietnam implement its climate change policies by supporting policy reforms, helping communities build resilience and supporting opportunities for low-carbon economic growth. Support to date includes: helping communities in the Mekong Delta develop innovative farming methods and new livelihoods and improve management of coastal forests and aquaculture; promoting efficiencies within the energy and industrial sectors; and strengthening the Government of Vietnam's capacity to respond to natural disasters. In 2014-15, Australia will provide around \$10 million for programs to help Vietnam implement its climate change policies.

In the Pacific, Australia provides assistance to Pacific regional organisations, including the Forum Fisheries Agency, Secretariat of the Pacific Community and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, to support countries in environmental management, climate change adaptation and the sustainable management of marine resources, coastal and ocean environments.

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The **Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific** (COSPPac) (approximately \$32 million, 2012-2016) is helping fourteen Pacific national meteorological services make seasonal forecasts and use climate science to make information accessible and useful to their governments and communities and support planning in sectors including agriculture, water security and health.

The **Pacific Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning** (PACCSAP) Program (\$32 million, 2011-14), with activities due to conclude this financial year, is improving the climate science base and working with Pacific Island countries and territories to develop effective adaptation responses. Key activities include regional assessments of future risks to coastal and groundwater resources and from tropical cyclones; working with countries to upgrade building design standards, and undertaking sea level rise modelling for key areas.

The **Pacific iCLIM: Supporting the Regional Management of Climate Change Information in the Pacific** (\$1.5 million, March 2014-June 2016) activity, implemented by Griffith University and funded by Australia's Government Partnerships for Development Program, provides support to implement a regional approach to climate change data and information via major enhancements to the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP). The project aims to assist regional and national stakeholders to more easily discover, store and access priority climate change information and data that can be used to inform and support resilience and adaptation planning activities.

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**Question No 466**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change – Climate finance**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*What plans are being made to scale-up Australia's overall climate finance investment in line with the shared international goal of mobilising \$100bn a year by 2020 from a variety of sources?*

**Answer**

Australia continues to support the collective goal, to which developed countries committed in the Copenhagen Accord in 2009, to mobilize jointly, from public and private sources and in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, US\$100 billion a year by 2020 to help developing countries reduce their emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. This commitment is not unique or specific to Australia and meeting the goal is the collective responsibility of all UNFCCC Parties. Australia will continue to provide support for climate change-related activities through the aid program.

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**Question No 467**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change - Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership (IAFCP)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Can the Department provide an update on the Indonesia Australia Forest Carbon Partnership? Have any elements of this program been extended beyond June 2014?***

***a. Can the Department summarise the achievements of this program, to date?***

**Answer**

Following the decision by the former government not to continue funding, programs under the Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership (IAFCP) ended as planned on 30 June 2014. This included the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership (KFCP) and Indonesian National Carbon Accounting System (INCAS).

The Government of Indonesia is transitioning elements of INCAS to their national measurement, reporting and verification system. The Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research will provide limited technical support to the Government of Indonesia on this transition during the remainder of 2014.

a. Key achievements of IAFCP include:

- Through KFCP:
  - o additional income sources for 1,600 households were provided for the raising and planting of seedlings and sustainable agro-forestry (75 per cent of village households in the project site);
  - o local farmers were trained to conduct farmer field schools to teach rehabilitation techniques for degraded peatlands;
  - o one of the world's largest tropical peat hydrology and subsidence monitoring systems was established;

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- a forest management unit - a key institution for taking over management of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) work at the local level - was developed;
- robust benefit-sharing mechanisms based on self-governing community groups and institutions participating in reforestation and sustainable agro-forestry were established.
- Through INCAS:
  - a preliminary greenhouse gas emissions estimate was produced for Central Kalimantan. The approach could be applied across Indonesia;
  - annual forest-cover change maps were completed for the entire Indonesian forest estate, showing detailed forest cover, loss and gain for the period 2000 to 2009.



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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: New Colombo Plan**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. *The Australian government has committed \$100 million in new funding to the program over five years:***
  - a. What is the expected annual funding total each year over the next five years?***
  - b. What percentage of the total funding will be provided directly as grants versus administrative and overhead costs, etc.?***
- 2. *Funding for the prestigious scholarships (up to \$67,000 per recipient) for 40 undergraduates studying abroad will be granted in this pilot 2014-15 trial of the New Colombo Plan - what makes this value for money?***
- 3. *What measures are in place to make this program equal opportunity for students from a range of regions, backgrounds, socio-economic backgrounds, etc.?***

**Answer**

**1a.**

The breakdown of the New Colombo Plan (NCP) budget over the forward estimates is available on the DFAT web site: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/>

**1b.**

Of the \$100 million committed to the NCP over five years, \$98.28 million is administered funding (i.e., including that going towards grants and scholarships) and \$1.72 million is for capital measures.

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The majority of the administered funding is to be expended on grants and scholarships, with some funds also utilised to support implementation, including for example national and international stakeholder outreach and alumni aspects of the NCP.

**2.**

The NCP scholarship program invests in developing the skills of young Australians and building relationships with regional partners that will support Australia's cultural and economic growth in coming years. It is designed to ensure that high quality scholarship awardees are selected and then supported to undertake a period of study in regional locations, along with an internship or mentorship, for academic credit at their home university. Students are selected via a rigorous process based on academic performance and other criteria to ensure they have the capacity to successfully undertake the program. This includes individual interview by a high level panel.

The award comprises the following core elements:

- travel allowance
- establishment allowance
- monthly stipend (for study and internship/mentorship)
- tuition fees – if required
- language training allowance (if applicable)
- health and travel insurance for the duration of the scholarship awardee's program
- dedicated case manager for the duration of the scholarship awardee's program

The award amount of \$67,000 is the upper limit of an NCP scholarship award, with individual scholarship amounts determined on a case by case basis to ensure expenditure of funds is focused on the award elements necessary for each student. For example, monthly stipends are only paid for the period of the scholarship program relevant to each student (programs can be up to 17 months duration) and the \$15,000 allocation for tuition fees is only drawn upon if the scholar takes up a fee-paying position (as opposed to utilising an exchange position which does not attract tuition fees).

The effectiveness of the scholarship award in contributing to the goals of the NCP is also included in the program's monitoring and evaluation processes. Evaluation processes for the NCP scholarships program are still underway, and will capture scholars' overseas study experience from mid-2014 when they commence their program in one of the four pilot locations.

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**3.**

Since the commencement of the New Colombo Plan pilot phase, the NCP has been open to undergraduate students from all 41 Australian universities,<sup>1</sup> with 38 of those institutions participating in the first year of the program. From 2015 the program will be rolled out across the Indo-Pacific region, with more opportunities available for undergraduate to undertake a period of study in the region. The specific eligibility criteria and selection processes relevant to the 2015 mobility and scholarships programs are expected to be available in August 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined as a supplier listed under Table A or Table B of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Budget Cuts**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Has the department assessed or quantified the reduced outcomes associated with lower funding for the aid program?
  - a. Fewer girls in school?*
  - b. Children who will not be immunised?*
  - c. Scholars from the Pacific who will not have access to Australian Universities?*
  - d. Children who will not benefit from nutrition programs?*
  - e. Farmers who will not be able to plant high yield crops?*
  - f. Mines that will not be removed from otherwise arable land?\**
- 2. There is a lived experience of cuts to the aid program - Do you think it is reasonable that the lived experience of cuts are understood by the Department? By the Minister? By the Public?*
- 3. Can you advise the committee what adjustments the Department made to its forward planning when it became aware that it would have \$7.6 billion less in funding to deliver that aid program?*
- 4. Did you advise the Minister what your revised forward plan would entail?*
- 5. Did the Department consider, or make an assessment of the impact of cuts would be on potentially lifesaving programs?*
- 6. Did you provide any advice to the Minister on the potential impact on life saving programs?*
- 7. Can you explain exactly what the Government's commitment is to aid funding over the forward estimates?*

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8. *Is it the case that the Government's funding commitment is to a \$5 billion program indexed by CPI from 2016-17?*
9. *Is it correct that this approach represent a real decrease in funding to the program in 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
10. *Is it right that the Government has no specific plan or commitment to achieve a target 0.5 per cent of GNI?*
11. *Is it the case that the position of the Government is at variance from the commitments made prior to the election?*
12. *Can you advise how you have gone about informing country partners, NGOs, Government agencies and other funded organisations about cuts to ODA that were announced in the Budget?*
13. *Can you please provide copies of the advice provided to organisations and country partners?*
  - a. *How have you explained the quantum and timing of cuts to the program – and the impact on each project?*
14. *Have all cuts to the 2014-15 program been advised to funding recipients? If not, when do you expect to advise all affected funding recipients of changes to 2014-15 funding?*
  - a. *These organisations may need to give notice to staff who will lose jobs as a result of cuts - have you set any minimum lead time for advice to funding recipients?*
  - b. *How have (or will) funds that were committed be/en recovered where commitments exceed available funds?*
15. *Have any other donor countries raised concerns about aid cuts?*
  - a. *US?*
  - b. *New Zealand?*
  - c. *UK?*

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### **Answer**

1. See answer to Question on Notice 131.
2. See answer to Question on Notice 131.
3. The Department adjusted forward-year allocations to fit within the new budget profile.
4. Yes.
5. See response to part 1 above.
6. See response to part 1 above.
7. ODA Budget projections are as follows:
  - 2014–15: \$5.03 billion
  - 2015–16: \$5.03 billion
  - 2016–17: \$5.16 billion
  - 2017–18: \$5.29 billion
8. Yes.
9. Yes.
10. The Government will not commit to a time-bound ODA target as a percentage of GNI until the domestic economy is back on a sustainable footing and the Government is in a fiscally strong position to support this aspiration.
11. As announced in the Federal Budget on 13 May, the Government has applied a saving of \$7.6 billion from 2013-14 to 2017-18, which includes \$4.5 billion formerly announced as part of the Government's election commitments.
12. The Department has undertaken a range of communication activities about the ODA budget, including stakeholder briefings in Australia and overseas posts, and the provision of comprehensive budget documentation on the Department's website.
13. The quantum and timing of budget allocations has been explained in a variety of ways, which have been tailored to specific programs and stakeholders. Much of this information has been provided verbally and/or in confidence with the partner concerned and the Department does not consider it feasible or appropriate to provide copies of advice.
14. The Department has endeavoured to ensure funding recipients are aware of the 2014-15 ODA budget. There are no cuts in 2014-15 to existing funding agreements. The Department is meeting its commitments according to current contractual arrangements.
15. No.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Private Sector Aid**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Who are the three biggest private sector funding partners involved in the current Australian aid program?*
- 2. Have any potential private sector funding partners approached DFAT since this priority was identified by the Minister?*
- 3. What are the proposed due diligence arrangements for partnering with private sector organisations?*
- 4. Will foreign private sector partners who operate wholly offshore be considered as potential partners for the Australian aid program?*
- 5. Are there any organisations which you anticipate would be excluded from partnering in privately funding aid activities?*
- 6. Do you envisage that any taxpayer funded aid would be administered by private funding partners?*

**Answer**

1. In 2013-14 the three biggest private sector partners to the aid program, in terms of receiving funds under aid related contracts, were Coffey International Development Pty Ltd, GRM International Pty Ltd, and Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd. All were in a service delivery capacity.
2. DFAT has been approached by potential private sector funding partners since the priority was announced. They have come through a variety of channels, including via submissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade's inquiry on 'The role of the private sector

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in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region’.

3. Private sector organisations are currently subject to the same due diligence framework that applies to all of DFAT’s aid delivery partners. All new partners are required to undergo a baseline assessment which includes identity, financial, past performance, fraud, anti-corruption, sanctions, counter-terrorism, integrity and child protection checks. Larger implementing partners are subject to a more comprehensive range of due diligence checks.

As DFAT implements the new aid policy framework, which includes a greater focus on private sector engagement with the aid program, DFAT will continue to monitor and refine its due diligence processes accordingly.

4. Yes. Since April 2006 Australia has maintained a policy of untied development assistance. This policy means there are no nationality or residency restrictions for delivery partners.
5. As outlined at Question 3, DFAT will continue to exclude organisations, including those from the private sector, who are assessed as not meeting eligibility requirements for partnering with Australia’s aid program. Organisations who appear on the DFAT Consolidated Sanctions List, Attorney General’s Department Terrorism List, World Bank List of Debarred Firms and Asian Development Bank Sanctions List are also excluded.
6. Australia has a successful history of delegating the administration of taxpayer funded aid to private funding partners, where appropriate, including collaborating with organisations such as the Oil Search Health Foundation. These types of engagement with the private sector will continue under the new aid policy framework as the aid program works more with its most effective partners, irrespective of who they are.



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**Question No 471**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Benchmarking**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. When will the Minister release the benchmarks?**
- 2. How will the achievement of benchmarks be evaluated?**
- 3. How will funded organisations be involved in negotiating and reporting against benchmarks?**
- 4. How often will benchmarks be reviewed in a changing aid environment – for example following the introduction of a post 2015 sustainable development agenda?**

**Answer**

1. On 18 June 2014, the Minister for Foreign Affairs released the new performance framework for the aid program *Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid*.
2. Progress will be reviewed each year and reported publicly in a *Performance of Australian Aid* report. The assessments made in the report will inform annual budget allocations and be quality assured and verified by the office of Development Effectiveness working under the direct supervision of the *Independent Evaluation Committee* of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
3. As part of the Government's new performance framework for the aid program, the Government will strengthen existing systems used to assess the performance of aid delivery partners by July 2015, including contractors, non-government organisations and multilateral organisations. Changes will be made collaboratively with our partners and consultations on this have already begun.
4. The Government will review progress against the performance framework on an annual basis.

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**Question No 472**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Is Australia contributing to the forward planning for the post 2015 sustainable development goals?***
- 2. Who are we working with?***
- 3. What is the plan for finalising the post 2015 agenda?***
- 4. Has Australia identified any areas that should be a priority within the post-2015 agenda?***
- 5. Has climate change been raised in the discussion of priorities for the post-2015 development agenda? If so, what has been Australia's response?***

**Answer**

1. Australia is involved in current UN negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, including through the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing for Sustainable Development.

2. Australia shares a constituency in the Open Working Group with the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. We are also consulting with other countries, including those in our region, the private sector and civil society organisations.

3. The current negotiating forum, the Open Working Group is due to deliver its final report by September 2014. The UN Secretary General is expected to release a report bringing together inputs from all previous post-2015 development agenda negotiations and consultations in late 2014. This will commence a final inter-governmental process, which will culminate in a Leaders' Summit in September 2015.

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4. Australia's engagement on the post-2015 development agenda is in line with the Government's aid policy. Australia supports a post-2015 development agenda that promotes economic growth and poverty reduction. Australia is advocating for a simple and compelling post-2015 agenda, which builds on the work of the Millennium Development Goals (poverty, hunger, health, education, gender and water) and promotes investment in infrastructure and energy. The agenda should reflect the primacy of economic growth to poverty reduction, through trade and private sector investment; tackle the barriers to growth such as fragility, conflict and poor governance; and maximise the participation of women and people with disability. Australia is also working to ensure the post-2015 agenda reflects the development priorities of countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

5. Climate change is one of a number of issues which is being considered in the development of the post-2015 development agenda. The post-2015 development agenda should complement but not pre-empt or duplicate the important work of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which remains the primary forum for international discussion on climate change action.

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**Question No 473**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. *What is being done to ensure that climate change issues are prioritised within our international development agenda?***
- 2. *Have any country partners approached the Government about changes to aid funding to assist carbon reduction and climate change mitigation?***

**Answer**

1. The new aid policy, *Australian Aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, states that the aid program to work with countries in the region to build resilience to climate-related shocks and manage the impacts of climate change.
2. We are not aware of any formal requests from partner governments at this stage. DFAST conducts ongoing discussions with partner governments related to all parts of aid programming and program implementation. [*checking with Indonesia desk re IAFCP*]

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**Question No 474**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid and Disability**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. The OECD's peer review of Australia's aid program under Labor, in the 2008-2013 period, commended the aid program's 'emphasis on disability', saying that this emphasis makes Australia's aid program 'a leader in this area internationally.' -- How does Australia plan to continue being a leader in the area of aid and disability?***

**Answer**

- A. The new development policy *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability* reflects Australia's continued commitment to promoting disability-inclusive development through the aid program.
- B. Building on the success of Australia's current strategy for disability-inclusive development, *Development for All*, DFAT is preparing an updated disability strategy to ensure that people with disability play an active and central role in Australia's aid program beyond 2015.

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**Question No 475**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Civil Society and reducing extremism**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What is the Department's assessment of the capacity of the aid program to assist in combating extremism?***
- 2. Does reducing poverty, supporting civil society and increasing access to education has the potential to impact on extremism and recruitment of young people to extremist movements?***
- 3. Does the aid program fund any programs which are intended to directly or indirectly contribute to a reduction in extremism and recruitment of young people to extremist organisations?***

**Answer**

1. The Australian aid program has the capacity to assist in combating extremism. For example building effective law and justice systems in partner countries strengthens policing, increases the safety and security of communities and improves people's access to justice. Australia also contributes to peace-building initiatives in conflict-affected areas that have the potential to help combat extremism by addressing long-standing grievances and other drivers of conflict.
2. Yes, reducing poverty, supporting civil society and increasing access to education all have the potential to impact on extremism and recruitment of young people to extremist movements.
3. Yes indirectly. The purpose of the aid program is to promote Australia's national interests by contributing to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

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### Question No 476

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Pacific**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### Question

- 1. Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are by country for this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?***

A breakdown of actual and estimated Australian ODA to the Pacific is provided below, for 2010-11 through to 2014-15. Beyond 2014-15, allocations will be subject to annual budget processes and therefore are not provided here.

DFAT Country & Regional Programs	2010-11 Expenditure \$M	2011-12 Expenditure \$M	2012-13 Expenditure \$M	2013-14 Estimated Outcome \$M	2014-15 Budget Estimate \$M
Papua New Guinea	433.2	493.7	501.2	519.4	577.1
Solomon Islands	237.6	235.0	204.2	164.4	168.1
Vanuatu	62.7	66.3	65.5	60.1	60.4
Samoa	36.1	40.8	43.7	36.4	37.6
Fiji	33.9	46.3	50.1	59.5	61.9
Tonga	30.1	33.0	31.7	29.3	30.3
Nauru	28.3	28.7	33.0	29.5	27.1
Kiribati	31.1	35.0	33.0	26.3	26.9
Tuvalu	9.4	12.1	12.8	10.1	10.4
Cook Islands	4.1	5.4	7.2	3.7	4.0

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Tokelau	2.1	1.6	0.7	1.0	1.5
Niue	3.0	6.0	7.3	4.6	4.8
Palau	1.3	6.2	6.1	4.1	4.4
Micronesia	2.7	7.0	5.9	4.3	4.6
Marshall Islands	2.4	6.8	7.1	4.4	4.5
Pacific Regional	166.2	121.2	102.8	105.4	129.1
Pacific Total	1,084.2	1,145.0	1,112.3	1,062.6	1,152.7

### **2. What are the priorities for the PNG program?**

Australia will continue to invest in good governance, health and education, law and justice, transport infrastructure and women's empowerment in PNG.

Australia will also provide greater support for private sector-led growth in PNG by improving the enabling environment for business; supporting rural livelihoods and income generating opportunities in the agriculture sector; strengthening technical vocational training institutions; and supporting infrastructure that will encourage economic growth.

### **3. What gender related issues are being prioritised by the PNG and Pacific Program?**

Four areas are prioritized.

- Expanding women's opportunities to earn an income and accumulate economic assets.
- Reducing violence against women and expanding women's access to support services and to justice.
- Increasing women's leadership and decision-making opportunities.
- Improving women's access to health and education services.



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**4. *Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain, or extend current levels of investment in reducing gender violence in PNG and the Pacific?***

Responding to gender violence is a priority for DFAT in the Pacific. Under *Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development* over \$5.5m out of \$18.6m expenditure over 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial year was spent on programs which either aim to prevent violence or to support survivors of violence. In addition, DFAT has several programs across the Pacific which support community and government responses to violence, including through the health and law and justice systems. Gender violence remains a key priority and future funding will be subject to budget processes.

**5. *Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain, or extend current levels of investment in family planning and sexual health services in PNG and the Pacific?***

DFAT has no current plans to change the overall level of investment in family planning and sexual health services in PNG and the Pacific.

**6. *Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain, or extend current levels of investment in immunisation programs in PNG and the Pacific?***

DFAT has no current plans to change the overall level of investment in immunisation programs in PNG and the Pacific.

**7. *Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain, or extend current levels of funding to improve access to schooling (in particular for girls) in PNG and the Pacific?***

DFAT has no current plans to change the overall level of investment in improving access to schooling in PNG and the Pacific.

**8. *What is the Department's estimate of the impact on the PNG economy of gender violence?***

No estimate of the economic impact of gender violence in PNG has been undertaken. World Bank research "The Cost of Crime and Violence to

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Businesses in PNG” which was released in May 2014 noted that “Women and youth bear a disproportionate share of the social costs of crime and violence.” The Department is aware of the massive impact of gender violence in PNG. One study found that 80-90% of injuries treated at health clinics were the result of domestic abuse (Amnesty International 2006). Another found that the majority of pregnant women seeking attention at an antenatal clinic had been beaten during pregnancy by their husbands (PNG Law Reform Commission 1992 quoted in Kopi 2010).

**9. *What is the estimate of the impact on the age at which women have their first child in PNG if they have completed 1, 2 and 3 post-primary year/s of schooling?***

Information from a 2006 PNG Demographic Health Survey suggests women aged 25-49 with grade 7 or higher levels of education have a slightly higher median age at first birth (21.5 years) than women with 0-6 years of education (around 20.7 years). However, these figures only include institutional births, which at the time accounted for less than 40 per cent of all births. Published literature on this issue is limited.

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) suggests women with higher levels of education are most likely to delay pregnancy and have greater time between pregnancies, and to seek health care and support.

**10. *What is the estimate of improvements in child and maternal health outcomes, including reduced maternal and neonatal deaths for women if they complete 1, 2 and 3 years of post-primary education?***

Broadly, evidence suggests higher education, and particularly maternal education, results in improved maternal and child health outcomes, including reduced maternal and neonatal deaths. A direct causal relationship has not been identified as education cannot be considered in isolation from other social and economic determinants of health. Published literature on this issue is limited.

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The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) suggests, if all women had a primary education, maternal deaths would be cut by two-thirds.

**11. Does DFAT have a gender adviser working to assist the PNG/Pacific Division?**

The Pacific Division has a vacant Gender Adviser position and has advertised internally to fill this position. A DFAT officer with extensive experience in gender equality issues in the Pacific has been placed in the position until it can be substantively filled.

**12. How many specialist gender advisers worked in the former Ausaid?**

The Pacific Division had one Principal Gender Adviser.

**13. Do those officers still work in DFAT?**

That officer has been posted to Port Moresby as a Gender Adviser.

**14. Do the remaining officers still work as specialist gender advisers?**

There were no other gender advisers in the Pacific Division.

**15. What is the department's evaluation of increased participation of girls in primary and post-primary schooling as a result of activities supported by the Australian aid program in PNG?**

Although it is difficult to verify the accuracy of data gathered in PNG, figures from the PNG National Department of Education (NDoE) show that enrolment of girls in basic and secondary education has increased from around 635,000 in 2010 to just over 803,000 in 2012. However, the gender parity index (GPI – a ratio of the number of girls to boys enrolled) has remained constant since 2010, with GPI for Basic Education (Preparatory to grade 8) in 2012 at 0.92 (unchanged from 2010), and for secondary (Grade 9 to 12) at 0.72 (slightly down from 0.74 in 2010).

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Under the existing Delivery Strategy for Australian Support for Basic and Secondary Education in PNG (2011/12 -2015/16), Australia's contribution to improving girls' participation in education in PNG has included support for tuition fee free education and construction of ablution blocks for girls and boys in primary schools. International experience indicates that both these activities contribute to increasing girls' participation in schools.

**16. *How much has been spent on sports related aid initiatives in PNG and the Pacific?***

Since 2009, Australia has invested over \$33 million in sports-based activities in PNG and the Pacific. This includes over \$3 million in 2013/14.

**17. *What has been the objective of sports related projects?***

The purpose of Australia's development-through-sports assistance is to develop healthier and more inclusive communities through sport. To achieve this, development-through-sport targets two strategic goals:

(1) improving health-related behaviours to reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases; and

(2) improving the quality of life for people with disability.

In addition, the development-through-sports programs aim to contribute to improved gender equality, empowerment of women and girls, and improved social cohesion.

**18. *Have any of these been activities directed at women and girls?***

Yes. The program includes traditionally female dominated sports such as netball, and all development-through-sport activities have high female participation rates. This includes traditionally male dominated sports such as football, cricket and rugby union. Improving gender equality and empowerment of women and girls are cross-cutting objectives of the program. These are achieved by addressing attitudinal and access barriers for female participation and ensuring that all activities are inclusive.

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The latest data on participation rates for females in 2013/14 ranges from 42% in rugby union to 90% in netball (participating sports organisations are in the process of confirming final data on participation rates for the 2013/14 financial year).

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**Question No 477**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Pacific Partnerships for Development**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. How will the aid budget cuts affect the following Pacific Partnerships for Development agreements with: PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Nauru, Tuvalu, Tonga, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands***
- 2. Are there currently any negotiations with Pacific countries on future Pacific Partnerships for Development agreements? What is the status of those agreements.***

**Answer**

1. Adjusted aid allocations to the Pacific will result in some programs scheduled under pre-existing Partnerships for Development being implemented at a slower pace. A small number of programs will not continue.

2. The Pacific Partnerships for Development are still active. Future priorities will be determined in consultation with Pacific Island Governments during the development of Aid Investment Plans, reflecting the Government's aid policies and approach. By July 2015, all country and regional programs will have Aid Investment Plans providing forward-looking details about all of Australia's aid programs in the Pacific and elsewhere.

We are currently working with the Government of PNG to revise our aid approach in PNG. This will be reflected in updates to the Partnership for Development agreement and the Aid Investment Plan.

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**Question No 478**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***How will the aid budget cuts affect the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program?***

**Answer**

A. The total commitment to the Pacific Women program remains at \$320 million over 10 years (2012-2022).

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**Question No 479**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What is the status of the Pacific climate change science program?**
- 2. Will it continue to funded by Australian Aid?**
- 3. Who is currently in charge of the programs administration?**
- 4. Who will administer the program if it continues?**

**Answer**

1. The Pacific Climate Change Science Program (PCCSP) was implemented between 30 March 2009 and 30 June 2012. Australian aid of \$20 million was used for peer reviewed research into climate drivers in the Pacific region and modelling climate change projections for 14 Pacific countries. Research was carried out by CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), on behalf of the then AusAID. PCCSP provided a systematic approach to addressing the lack of knowledge on the future climate of the Pacific, a key gap identified in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fourth Assessment Report (2007). The results of the research were published in late 2011 as *Climate Change in the Pacific: Scientific Assessment and New Research: Volume 1: Regional Overview* and *Volume 2: Country Reports*. The program was completed and the evaluation and final report are publically available (<http://www.pacificclimatechangescience.org/>).



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2. The Pacific Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program (PACCSAP: 2011 – 2014) built upon the PCCSP. Under the climate science component of PACCSAP (\$19 million) research has been undertaken to understand better the key regional climate drivers in the Pacific and to update country climate change projections based on the Fifth Assessment Report science. A key output from this component is the *Climate Variability, Extremes and Change in the Western Tropical Pacific: New Science and Updated Country Reports 2014* which will be published in electronic form in July 2014.
3. The Pacific Climate Change Science Program (PCCSP) was implemented between 30 March 2009 and 30 June 2012. The Department of the Environment administers the PACCSAP program which is delivered in partnership with CSIRO and BOM.
4. No funds have currently been committed to continuing the program.

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**Question No 480**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Climate Change - Pacific Climate Change Science Program**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What is the current status of the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (Pacer Plus) negotiations?**
- 2. How many DFAT staff are currently involved in the negotiations?**
- 3. What is the program for future negotiations?**

**Answer**

- 1. The negotiations are ongoing. An inter-sessional meeting on PACER Plus was held in Adelaide from 10 to 12 June 2014. The next negotiating meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in late September/early October 2014. Further negotiating meetings are expected, but none are scheduled at this stage. There is no deadline for completion of the PACER Plus negotiations.*
- 2. There are a number of DFAT staff involved in the PACER Plus negotiations, although not all them are engaged full time in the negotiations. In the Pacific Division of DFAT, there are four DFAT staff that devote nearly all of their time to the negotiations and at least another two other staff members that devote a significant amount of their time to the negotiations. There are other DFAT staff who get involved in the negotiations as required.*
- 3. Refer to the answer given to question 1.*

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**Question No 481**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Pacific Seasonal Worker Scheme**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. What is the status of the Pacific seasonal worker scheme?***
- 2. How many DFAT and Australian Aid staff are currently involved in offshore aspects of the scheme?***

**Answer**

1. The Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) commenced on 1 July 2012 and is an ongoing initiative.

For 2014-15, there are 3,250 places available to Australian approved employers to recruit seasonal workers from Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

As at 30 June 2014 a total of 3,487 visas had been granted for seasonal workers to participate in the SWP.

2. Work to support the offshore aspects of the SWP is undertaken as an integrated part of the duties of DFAT officers working in all nine participating countries.

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**Question No 482**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Tuberculosis, Malaria and other disease prevention and eradication in the Pacific**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Can you please provide a list of project that DFAT and Australian Aid are currently engaged in to fight Tuberculosis in the Pacific and the projects associated costs?*
- 2. Can you please provide a list of project that DFAT and Australian Aid are currently engaged in to fight Malaria in the Pacific and the projects associated costs?*

**Answer**

- 1. Can you please provide a list of projects that DFAT and Australian Aid are currently engaged in to fight Tuberculosis in the Pacific and the projects associated costs?*

A list of programs targeted specifically at tuberculosis, is provided in the table below.

<b>Program title</b>	<b>Program Duration</b>	<b>Total Australian Funding for the Program (AUD)</b>
Towards Tuberculosis Elimination in Kiribati (TTEK)	2012/13-2017/18	\$2.95million
PNG: Stop Tuberculosis in	2011/12-2014/15	\$14.7million

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In addition, Australia is providing \$200 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria from 2014-2016. DFAT understands that the Global Fund will invest USD 2.9 billion in the Asia Pacific region during this period.

Tuberculosis is also a priority in a number of large health sector programs in which funds are not earmarked to specific diseases. These include:

- Solomon Islands Health Sector Support Program: \$90 million from 2012/13-2015/16.
- Support for the World Health Organization (WHO) in PNG: \$8 million from 2012/13-2015/16 (this includes support for the PNG National Tuberculosis Program through a co-financing partnership with the WHO)
- PNG Western province health infrastructure investments- Daru, Mabudwan and Sigebaderu/Buzi health centres: \$21 million from 2012/13-2017/18 (this includes infrastructure upgrades to support improvements of health services in tuberculosis-centric areas).
- Support for the Nauru Health Sector: \$15.45 million from 2010/11-2014/15.

### ***2. Can you please provide a list of project that DFAT and Australian Aid are currently engaged in to fight Malaria in the Pacific and the projects associated costs?***

A list of investments and associated costs is provided in the table below. In addition, Australia is providing \$200 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria from 2014-2016. DFAT understands that the Global Fund will invest USD2.9 billion in the Asia Pacific region during this period. For example, PNG is expected to receive USD44.3 million in malaria grants.

Program title	Program Duration	Total Australian Funding for the Program (AUD)
Solomon Islands: Health Sector Support Program (includes support for national malaria)	12/13-2015/16	\$90m for whole health sector program. Note funding is allocated with the Solomon Islands Government on an annual basis. Funding for malaria through this program has averaged around \$2 million per calendar year.

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Pacific Malaria Initiative (regional component)	2007/08-2013/2014 (program has been absorbed into the Vanuatu and Solomon Islands Bilateral programs)	\$10,375,000
Vanuatu Health Sector Program (includes support for national malaria program)	2010/11 – 2015/16	\$26m for whole health sector program. Note: Funding is allocated in negotiation with Vanuatu Government on an annual basis. In 2013/14, support for the implementation of the National Malaria Program was around \$325,000. Based on program needs, we expect the malaria funds will be around \$175,000 in 2014/15 and \$600,000 in 2015/16. Additionally, \$1.2 million of the health sector program has been committed over 2013/14-2014/15 to provide technical support to the program through the Australia International Centre for the Elimination of Malaria (AICEM). This continues the technical support previously funded through the regional program.
<i>PNG Industry Malaria Initiative (PIMI)</i>	<i>2013/14</i>	<i>\$216,000</i>
Review of National Malaria Program	2013/14	\$19,700

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**Question No 483**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Pacific - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #102:***

*Program: DFAT*

*Topic: Pacific*

*Question in Writing*

*Senator Wong*

*Question*

*A. Have the cuts to aid been discussed with the governments and heads of state of each of these countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Nauru, Regional Pacific, Republic of Palau, Pacific Islands Forum, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu?*

- What was each of their reactions?*
- Are they aware of the cuts at a program by program level?*
- If not, when will they be?*
- Can you please provide the framework/strategy for the diplomatic introduction of aid cuts in the Pacific?*

*Answer*

*Reductions to the aid budget have been discussed with the governments and/or heads of state of each of these countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Nauru, Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu*

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*and Vanuatu. They have also been discussed with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.*

*Partners have been understanding of the revised budget expenditure, and have appreciated Australia's consultative approach.*

*Partner governments in the Pacific are aware of the impact at a program level.*

*Partner governments in the Pacific were advised of the 2013-14 revised aid budget by DFAT officials on the day of the Minister's announcement, 18 January 2014, or as close as practical to that day. Changes in funding at a program level were subsequently negotiated and agreed between Australia and partner governments.*

***Please clarify the following:***

***1. Have partner governments provided feedback to DFAT on the revised aid budget?***

Partners have been understanding of the revised budget expenditure, and have appreciated Australia's consultative approach. The department is aware of concerns of the former prime minister of Vanuatu on the Lapetasi International Wharf project.

***2. Can you provide copies of any communications received from partner governments?***

Correspondence and discussions between the Pacific Island governments and the Australian Government are considered confidential and with respect to longstanding practice, will not be made publicly available.

***3. Is DFAT aware of any public comments from Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Nauru, Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government?***

We are not aware of any public comments in relation to the aid budget reallocation.



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- 4. *Is DFAT aware of the Foreign Minister of the Marshall Islands, Tony DeBrum's comments that "the Australian Government has always been a friend but the change in Government last year has resulted in problems"?***

The Department is aware of media reporting of Foreign Minister DeBrum's reported comments.

- 5. *What problems is the Minister referring to?***

The media reports suggested Mr DeBrum was referring to perceptions of Australia's policy position on climate change.

- 6. *Is DFAT aware of Minister De Brums further comments that "the Abbott Government is burying its head in the sand over climate change" as reported in the Guardian on 24th October 2013?***

The Department is aware of the report in The Guardian.

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**Question No 484**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Pacific - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #113:***

*Program: DFAT*

*Topic: Pacific*

*Question in Writing*

*Senator Wong*

*Question*

- A. What are the expected consequences of the cuts in the Pacific? • When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised?*
- What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been?*

*Answer*

*Reduced aid allocations to the Pacific will result in some programs being implemented at a slower pace. A small number of programs will not continue.*

*The implementation of the proposed expenditure for 2013-14 has been finalised and is available from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website. Funding allocations for future years will be determined through the 2014-15 budget process.*

*Refer to Q102 answer for reactions from partner governments. Organisations funded by Pacific bilateral and regional allocations have had similar reactions.*

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***Please note: The answer to Question 102 provides no answer as to the reactions from partner governments.***

***Please clarify the following:***

***1. What were the reactions from partner governments?***

Partner governments were understanding of the budget changes and valued our consultative approach when determining program level changes. The department is aware of concerns of the former prime minister of Vanuatu on the Lapetasi International Wharf project.

***2. Have any official protests been lodged by partner Governments?***

No official protests have been lodged by partner governments

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**Question No 485**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #115:*

*Please clarify the following:*

- 1. Have these partner governments provided feedback to DFAT on the revised aid budget?*
- 2. Can you provide copies of any communications received from these partner governments?*
- 3. Is DFAT aware of any Public Comments from the Maldives or Bhutan in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government?*

**Answer**

Maldives

1. The Maldives Government has expressed no concerns regarding the budget revisions.
2. DFAT has not received any communication from the Maldives Government.
3. DFAT is not aware of any public comments from the Maldives Government in relation to the aid cuts.

Bhutan

1. The Royal Government of Bhutan has expressed no concerns regarding the revised aid budget.
2. DFAT has not received any communication from the Royal Government of Bhutan.

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3. DFAT is not aware of any public comments from the Royal Government of Bhutan in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government.

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**Question No 486**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #117:***

***Please clarify the following:***

- 1. Have these partner governments provided feedback to DFAT on the revised aid budget?***
- 2. Can you provide copies of any communications received from these partner governments?***
- 3. Is DFAT aware of any Public Comments from Laos in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government?***

**Answer**

1. There has been no additional feedback from the Lao Government since the response to Senate Estimates Question no 117.
2. There has been no written communication from the Lao Government to DFAT in relation to the revision to the 2013-14 aid budget.
3. DFAT is not aware of any public comment from the Lao Government in relation to the revision to the 2013-14 aid budget nor in relation to their interaction with the Australian Government in relation to the revision to the 2013-14 aid budget.

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**Question No 487**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #119:*

*Please clarify the following:*

- 1. Have these partner governments provided feedback to DFAT on the revised aid budget?*
- 2. Can you provide copies of any communications received from these partner governments?*
- 3. Is DFAT aware of any Public Comments from Palestine in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government?*

**Answer**

A. Yes

B. No. Communications have been verbal only.

C. No.

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**Question No 488**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #120:*

*Please clarify the following:*

- 1. Have these partner governments provided feedback to DFAT on the revised aid budget?*
- 2. Can you provide copies of any communications received from these partner governments?*
- 3. Is DFAT aware of any Public Comments from the Middle East and North Africa in relation to the aid cuts or their interactions with the Australian Government?*

**Answer**

A. Yes.

B. No. Communications have been verbal only.

C. No.



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**Question No 489**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Aid Budget Feedback**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Referring to Additional Estimates question on notice #123:*

*Please clarify the following:*

- 1. Can you provide copies of any of the communications received from UNDP, UNICEF, Commonwealth officials, UNFPA, UNAIDS and WHO in which disappointment was expressed?*

**Answer**

A. UNDP, UNICEF, the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNFPA, UNAIDS and WHO did not write to the Government expressing disappointment regarding recent budget decisions.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 490**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Pacific - Pacific Project Changes**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Below is a list of Pacific Aid projects with an expected completion date in 2013 or 2014. For each of the projects can you please do the following?*

- 1. Outline which programs are no longer active.*
- 2. Outline which programs have had a change in funding amounts and provide the new funding amounts, commencement dates and completion dates for each project.*
- 3. Outline any new programs that have a value greater than \$100,000.*

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Contractor	What	Amount	Commencement Date	Completion Date
ALEXANDER AND LLOYD AUSTRALIA TRUST	Team member contribution to the Parliamentary Complex Redevelopment Design (Samoa)	158,453.02	1/11/2012	30/06/2013
ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION - AUSTRALIA LIMITED T/A ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION - AUSTRALIA	Church Partnership Program Phase 2 September 2012 to June 2013 (Vanuatu)	900,000	14/09/2012	31/12/2013
ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION - AUSTRALIA LIMITED T/A ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION - AUSTRALIA	Church Partnership Program Phase 2 - Improving governance and service delivery at national and social levels (Vanuatu)	602,240	1/07/2009	30/06/2014
ANTHONY LAND ASSOCIATES	Team member contributing to the Review of the Provincial and Local-level Governments program (Papua New Guinea)	246,572.81	2/11/2012	31/03/2014
ARCHITECTS WITHOUT FRONTIERS	Construction of the Cakaudrove Women's Resource Centre (Fiji)	700,000	2/06/2011	30/06/2014
ARINEX PTY LIMITED	Delivering better health conference -Tackling malaria in Asia and the Pacific (Asia Pacific)	1,446,304.20	28/08/2012	31/01/2013
ASIA PACIFIC BUSINESS COALITION ON HIV/AIDS (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	Activities to support regional business engagement in responding to HIV/AIDS (Asia Pacific)	600,000	12/02/2013	31/07/2014
ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC)	Support Fund for new a strategy on structural reform for Economic Cooperation (Asia Pacific)	2,500,000	1/05/2011	30/12/2013
ASIA PACIFIC FORUM OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS	Support for National Human Rights Institutions 2011-2014 (Asia Pacific)	2,650,000	1/01/2011	31/07/2014

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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Enhancing Engagement with Developing Member Countries Phase 2 (Pacific)	2,083,721	5/06/2012	30/06/2014
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Ebeye Water Supply and Sanitation Project (Pacific)	500,000	14/12/2012	14/06/2014
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Support for the Revenue Management System upgrade (Tonga)	1,400,000	14/06/2013	14/02/2014
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Microfinance expansion project (Papua New Guinea)	6,750,000	10/01/2011	30/06/2014
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Second Road Improvement Project (Solomon Islands)	2,300,000	20/05/2010	30/09/2013
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	Strengthened Public Financial Management (Kiribati)	964,804	2/04/2012	30/06/2014
AUDITOR GENERALS OFFICE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Support to Auditor General's Office Fund (Papua New Guinea )	2,200,782	24/11/2009	31/12/2013
AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Prime Minister's Australia Awards - Country and regional program development (Pacific)	3,300,000.00	1/07/2010	30/06/2014
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR HIV MEDICINE INC	HIV Capacity Building Program (Asia Pacific)	22,315,869	25/07/2008	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LTD	Improving teaching and learning through research-based practice (Fiji)	244,463	2/05/2013	11/10/2013
AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE	Church Partnership Program Phase 2 strengthening governance and systems (Papua New Guinea)	2,390,238	16/07/2010	31/12/2013
AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT ABROAD INC	Non-Government Organisation Partnership Agreement Sharing Knowledge, Improving livelihoods and learning skills (Solomon Islands)	1,129,340	7/03/2012	30/09/2014

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY	Emergency Response to the Solomon Islands Earthquake (Solomon Islands)	321,326	13/02/2013	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY	Disaster Risk Management Program (Papua New Guinea)	195,095	23/12/2010	30/12/2013
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION	Contribution to the Australian Sports Outreach Program Disability through Sport (Pacific)	1,700,000	6/06/2011	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION	Contribution to the Australian Sports Outreach Program Disability through Sport (Pacific)	920,000	25/06/2012	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism Management (Pacific)	5,800,924.01	1/12/2006	31/12/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Senior Tax Reform Specialist (Pacific)	397,683.00	2/05/2012	30/08/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Deployee support services - Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism (Pacific)	335,692.93	23/08/2011	23/11/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Human Resources Management Advisor (Pacific)	212,368.20	13/08/2012	30/06/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an Economics and Public Expenditure Specialist (Tonga)	563,519.00	22/01/2011	25/05/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Biomedical Engineer (Samoa and Kiribati)	434,050.41	2/11/2012	14/09/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Specialist supporting Customs, Revenue and Trade (Tonga)	407,957.00	1/08/2011	30/10/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Legislative Drafting Specialist for the Attorney General's Office (Samoa)	398,233.00	3/10/2011	30/12/2013

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AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Dietician Specialist (Samoa)	181,322.12	11/02/2013	3/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Legal Specialist (Tuvalu)	960,888.17	1/10/2007	28/02/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Water Supply Operations Adviser (Niue)	724,217.86	19/10/2007	31/07/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Senior Auditor with Office of Auditor General (Vanuatu)	610,797.00	17/05/2011	4/10/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Transport Policy and Coordination Adviser (Solomon Islands)	605,590.50	5/02/2011	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Water and Sanitation Specialist (Solomon Islands)	580,063.00	5/04/2011	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Deputy Secretary for Revenue (Nauru)	576,895.00	6/06/2011	28/10/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Biomedical engineer (Solomon Islands)	569,217.00	15/07/2012	14/09/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Specialist Obstetrician/Gynaecologist (Vanuatu)	567,259.00	15/03/2012	15/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Biomedical Engineer (Tuvalu)	540,023.00	1/07/2012	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Health Human Resource Development Adviser (the Republic of Palau)	506,600.60	25/04/2011	5/08/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a General Manager for Water Authority (Solomon Islands)	487,346.20	1/11/2011	30/07/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Horticultural Specialist to the Ministry of Agriculture (Solomon Islands)	481,551.40	30/07/2012	30/06/2014

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AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Biomedical Engineer (Kiribati)	476,861.00	15/07/2012	14/07/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Government Accounts specialist (Tuvalu)	451,220.00	1/11/2011	14/03/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Contracts Specialist (Vanuatu)	446,119.30	7/06/2011	30/12/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an Energy Specialist (Marshall Islands)	424,264.81	29/11/2011	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Senior Education Management Specialist (Kiribati)	418,671.00	9/04/2012	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of Pharmaceutical Specialist (Vanuatu)	391,733.97	15/01/2012	31/03/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Senior Human Resource Specialist (Nauru)	381,645.00	1/08/2012	30/11/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Tax Advisor (Kiribati)	370,271.00	16/04/2012	30/06/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of Tax Reform Specialist (Republic of the Marshall Islands)	368,225.00	9/05/2012	29/09/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an education Specialist (Nauru)	363,935.00	1/02/2012	18/05/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an Education Specialist (Palau)	339,215.80	8/06/2011	24/11/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Procurement Specialist for the Health Sector (Solomon Islands)	222,475.00	6/11/2012	6/02/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an Education Procurement Specialist (Solomon Islands)	213,331.30	16/11/2012	31/03/2014

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AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of the Deputy Secretary Treasury (Nauru)	206,635.00	15/11/2012	28/02/2014
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Tax Specialist (Tuvalu)	205,711.00	20/07/2012	13/11/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Water Specialist (Marshall Islands)	201,025.00	10/08/2012	25/11/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of a Pharmaceutical Supply Specialist (Solomon Islands)	194,205.00	20/08/2012	19/11/2013
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL	Placement of an Environmental Specialist (Nauru)	190,135.00	1/01/2013	31/12/2013
BAPTIST WORLD AID AUSTRALIA INC	Church Partnership Program (Vanuatu)	1,196,540	14/09/2012	31/12/2013
BAPTIST WORLD AID AUSTRALIA INC	Church partnership Project (Vanuatu)	448,365	1/07/2009	30/06/2014
BEACON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	Placement of a Procurement and Asset Management Specialist (Vanuatu)	445,536.00	8/12/2011	7/12/2013
BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE	Facilitation of carpentry course post Cyclone Evan (Samoa)	150,000.00	13/05/2013	30/06/2014
BUSINESS FOR MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT LTD	Contribution to support the Business for Millennium Development - 2013 Inclusive Business Research and Event Program (Pacific)	150,000	5/04/2013	28/06/2013
CARDNO ACIL PTY LTD	Law and Justice Partnership (Papua New Guinea)	99,531,217.50	7/04/2009	6/04/2014
CARDNO EMERGING MARKETS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Support for the Australia Law and Justice Partnership (Pacific)	5,000,000	7/04/2009	7/04/2014
CARDNO EMERGING MARKETS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Specialists to assist with the logistical support recovery plan following Cyclone Evan (Samoa)	216,005.57	2/05/2013	30/06/2014



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CARDNO EMERGING MARKETS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	Electoral Support Program Phase 3 (Papua New Guinea)	20,767,489.6 0	21/02/2011	31/12/2013
CARE AUSTRALIA	Integrated community development in remote and disadvantaged districts (Papua New Guinea)	6,370,109	10/06/2009	30/08/2013
CARITAS AUSTRALIA	Church Partnership Program (Papua New Guinea)	2,061,055	29/07/2011	31/12/2013
CHARLES KENDALL & PARTNERS LTD	Procurement assessment and support (Samoa)	158,270.20	20/09/2012	30/06/2014
CLARKE, JAMES M	Road Maintenance Specialist supporting the implementation of the Transport Sector Support Program (Vanuatu)	118,201.00	11/02/2013	30/06/2013
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Enterprise Challenge Fund (Asia Pacific)	18,911,272.6 0	1/07/2007	31/10/2013
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Economic and Public Sector Program (Papua New Guinea)	84,150,000.0 0	1/05/2010	30/04/2014
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Incentive Fund - Phase 3 (Papua New Guinea)	66,587,070.0 0	10/06/2010	30/06/2014
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Coordination of the Sub National Strategy (Papua New Guinea)	53,418,370.0 8	30/05/2011	31/03/2014
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Contribution to the Incentive Fund (Papua New Guinea)	14,329,677	14/12/2010	30/06/2014
COFFEY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	Deployee Support Services - Core Management Services (Papua New Guinea)	349,614.83	8/05/2012	30/12/2013

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CONCILIATION RESOURCES (CR)	Contribution to conciliation support (Fiji)	1,483,722	11/07/2011	30/06/2014
Connexity Associates Ltd	Corporate Services - Organisational Development (Pacific)	220,000.00	3/07/2012	31/01/2013
DELOITTE (PNG)	Oversight of direct financing services to education program (Papua New Guinea)	3,815,775.50	28/09/2011	30/06/2014
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION(QLD)	Support to the Sustainable Agriculture Alliance (Papua New Guinea)	750,000	15/01/2011	31/12/2013
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION(QLD)	Improving the technical capacity in weed management (Solomon Islands)	233,600	1/06/2010	31/10/2014
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	Public Sector Audit Program (Papua New Guinea)	3,000,000	3/05/2010	30/06/2014
DEVELOPING MARKETS ASSOCIATES LTD	Reducing the Cost of Remittances (Pacific)	2,062,682.60	8/07/2008	30/12/2014
DOBUNABA, FELECIA	Specialist contributing to the independent review of the Provincial Local Government Program (Papua New Guinea)	109,997.47	5/11/2012	31/03/2014
Et AL Architecture Pty Ltd	Corporate Services - Design and project management of the Heritage Park project (Solomon Islands)	552,105.00	22/06/2011	30/06/2014
FIJI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Australian Regional Development Scholarships Tuition (Fiji)	847,187.71	6/10/2009	31/12/2014
FIJI RED CROSS SOCIETY	Red Cross - Cyclone Evan Response (Fiji)	300,000	24/12/2012	30/06/2013
FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Supporting health training and research (Pacific)	5,830,000	1/05/2012	31/12/2014

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FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Coordination and planning support for Clinical Service Delivery (Pacific)	3,092,000	1/07/2012	30/12/2014
FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Support of core programs (Fiji)	8,920,454.24	1/07/2009	31/12/2014
FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	School of Medicine - Funding for reimbursables (Fiji)	2,710,843.37	1/10/2009	31/12/2014
Fletcher Kwaimani Joint Venture	Corporate Services - Office Fitout (Solomon Islands)	2,100,075.19	20/03/2012	22/03/2014
GENEVA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN DEMINING	Mine Action Support (Asia Pacific)	2,730,000	1/07/2010	31/12/2013
GHD PTY LTD	Airfield Lighting at Whitegrass International Airport (Vanuatu)	180,499.00	30/04/2013	30/06/2014
GIBERT, DOMINIQUE	Placement of a Procurement and Asset Management Specialist for Education (Vanuatu)	455,400.00	17/10/2011	18/10/2013
GLOBAL INTEGRITY	National Integrity Assessments (Pacific)	171,216	9/01/2012	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Infrastructure and Essential Services (Nauru)	5,568,022	10/12/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Contribution to the Operational Account: Learning Village (Nauru)	2,800,000	7/06/2013	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Support for Health (Nauru)	2,762,323	14/11/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Operating Costs Support - Education (Nauru)	2,572,314	29/11/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Contribution to the Operational Account: Performance Linked Aid (Nauru)	2,000,000	15/02/2013	30/06/2013

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GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Contribution to the Operational Account: Public Sector Reform (Nauru)	1,804,080	7/12/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Contribution to Private Sector Growth (Nauru)	959,506	15/04/2013	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF NAURU	Contribution to the Operational Account: International Climate Change Adaptation (Nauru)	500,000	24/05/2013	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Contribution to support the Health Sector wide approach (Samoa)	15,850,410	1/07/2008	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Incentivising Public Financial Management Reform (Samoa)	14,000,000	23/03/2012	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Support to the Law and Justice Sector (Samoa)	1,948,543	9/03/2012	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Corporate Services - Technical Vocational Education and Training (Samoa)	1,000,000	6/05/2011	30/12/2013
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Revitalising Primary Health Care (Samoa)	498,338	23/05/2012	30/08/2013
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Support to the Cyclone Evan Initial Response (Samoa)	450,000	17/12/2012	31/12/2013
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Support for the 2011 National Census (Samoa)	379,146	27/04/2012	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Inclusive Education Small Grants for Year 2 (Samoa)	327,384	1/01/2011	30/08/2013
GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Contribution to the in country training program (Samoa)	200,000	1/07/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	Metering Strategy Program for the Marshall Islands Electric Corporation (Marshall Islands)	565,433	15/03/2012	30/01/2014

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	Transport and Personnel to support the Drought Response (Marshall Islands)	271,000	7/06/2013	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	Support to the Marshall Islands Forum (Marshall Islands)	200,000	4/03/2013	30/12/2013
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	Water and Sewer Company Software Upgrade (Marshall Islands)	145,000	31/07/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU	Annual contribution to the Trust Fund (Tuvalu)	3,170,000	27/11/2012	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU	Budget Support for the Policy Reform Matrix (Tuvalu)	500,000	27/05/2013	30/06/2013
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Development of the Vanuatu Education Road Map (Vanuatu)	12,000,000	31/01/2010	31/12/2013
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Ministry of Health Sector Support Program (Vanuatu)	8,036,898	1/02/2011	31/12/2014
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Contribution to the National Library and Archives Building (Vanuatu)	3,060,000	30/05/2011	31/12/2013
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Support for the Tender of the Luganville Electricity Concession (Vanuatu)	1,500,000	1/05/2009	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Support for Development of a Power Investment Program (Vanuatu)	750,000	17/12/2009	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Provision of Pico-Solar Lighting Sources (Vanuatu)	435,231	17/05/2010	30/06/2014
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU	Supporting for the Implementation of the Trade Policy Framework (Vanuatu)	270,480	10/10/2012	30/06/2014

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GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	Contribution to the Australia Nursing Initiative (Kiribati)	14,417,993.55	1/06/2007	30/06/2014
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	Building Government Capacity (Papua New Guinea)	151,001	9/05/2013	6/12/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Specialist to provide reports on the Microstates Scholarships Tracer Study (Pacific)	165,395.23	29/05/2013	30/10/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Capacity Development Facility (Papua New Guinea)	22,317,183.90	1/10/2012	30/09/2014
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Capacity Development Facility (Papua New Guinea)	20,043,351	1/10/2012	30/09/2014
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Law and Justice Partnership (Vanuatu)	4,731,105.82	1/03/2012	31/12/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Management of Deployee Support Services (Solomon Islands)	1,126,488.00	1/07/2012	30/06/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Team members contributing to an assessment of the Australian Development Awards (Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands)	531,835.26	3/05/2013	31/12/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Specialist for the Education Support Program (Vanuatu)	266,993.10	27/03/2013	30/03/2014
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Specialist for the Skills for Employability Program (Solomon Islands)	188,421.86	23/01/2013	31/12/2013
GRM INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Specialist for technical support of the education management information systems (Solomon islands)	143,641.08	18/03/2013	31/01/2014
HEALTH SPECIALISTS LIMITED	Medical Service Delivery and Evaluation (Vanuatu)	435,999.00	7/01/2013	31/07/2013

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HK LOGISTICS PTY LTD T/A HK SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Team members supporting the humanitarian assistance response to the Santa Cruz Earthquake and Tsunami (Pacific)	164,780.00	1/03/2013	30/05/2013
HK LOGISTICS PTY LTD T/A HK SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Tropical Cyclone Evan - Emergency Response (Samoa)	547,886.68	17/12/2012	30/06/2013
HK LOGISTICS PTY LTD T/A HK SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Deployee Support Services (Nauru)	2,321,249.18	1/07/2012	30/06/2013
HK LOGISTICS PTY LTD T/A HK SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Tropical Cyclone Evan - Emergency Response (Fiji)	432,939.10	17/12/2012	30/06/2013
HYNDMAN, MICHAEL	Specialist contributing to the Advisory Committee for the Tuvalu Trust Fund (Tuvalu)	113,000.00	23/09/2011	22/09/2013
INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK ON SMALL ARMS (IANSA)	Support for Capacity building and education to prevent gun violence (Pacific)	175,088	18/05/2011	31/12/2013
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION	Strengthening Labour Migration Management for the Seasonal Worker Program (Pacific)	227,352	22/03/2013	30/06/2013
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND	Core contributions to the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center to Strengthen Public Financial Management Practices (Pacific)	7,251,522	27/05/2011	30/06/2014
INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION	Pacific Regional Sexual and Reproductive Health Capacity Building Program (Pacific)	2,846,140	19/08/2011	30/06/2014
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	Non-Government Organisation Partnership Agreement (Solomon	1,616,239	7/03/2012	30/09/2014

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JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY	Establishing a Food Animal Biosecurity Network (Asia Pacific)	571,000	16/08/2010	31/12/2013
JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY	Mental health upskilling course for nurses and community health workers (Pacific)	178,483	2/05/2013	5/08/2013
JEANE SLIVIAK	Specialists contributing to the review of programs aimed at ending violence against women (Pacific)	398,857.67	3/12/2012	31/12/2013
JOHN E. HAY AND ASSOCIATES LTD.	Sector Specialist for the review of the Climate Change Activities (Pacific)	110,864.00	7/01/2013	30/09/2013
JOHN FARGHER AND ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Capacity Building Program (Vanuatu)	279,074.07	21/12/2012	15/12/2014
JOHN WINTER CONSULTANCY LTD	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Pacific Women Shaping - Pacific Development Program (Pacific)	102,690.67	9/01/2013	30/06/2013
JTA INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Specialist contributing to the Disaster Preparedness and Response Program and Health Support Program (Fiji)	220,000.00	1/01/2013	30/06/2013
KASTOM GADEN ASSOCIATION	Strengthening Food Security through Rural Livelihoods Program Phase II (Solomon Islands)	2,533,019	16/09/2011	30/06/2014
KELLY.DAVID, SWETE	Team Leader contributing to the design of Energy for the Rural Development Program (Vanuatu)	113,500.00	2/05/2011	30/06/2014
KIRIBATI GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT NO. 4	Contribution to the Construction of the Betio Maternity Ward (Kiribati)	420,000	18/04/2012	31/08/2013



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KIRIBATI GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT NO. 4	Student Support Program Officer (Kiribati)	120,000	28/03/2011	31/12/2013
KIRIBATI GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT NO.4	Contribution the Public Utility Board (Kiribati)	430,500	30/04/2013	31/07/2014
LAURANCE MCCULLOCH	Specialist to deliver training and mentoring (Pacific)	110,000.00	15/04/2013	30/06/2014
LITMUS LTD	Economic and Gender Impact Study - Transport Sector Support Program (Vanuatu)	265,240.00	17/10/2012	17/10/2014
LOTO TAUMAFAI SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	Contribution to the inclusive education demonstration program (Samoa)	546,269	1/01/2011	31/07/2013
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Support for the Education Resource Facility (Asia Pacific)	15,737,254.04	16/02/2009	15/02/2014
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Education Specialist to support the implementation of the Benchmarking for Education Results Initiative (Pacific)	230,120.00	18/07/2012	31/07/2013
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Independent progress review for the Technical Vocational Education Training program (Pacific)	185,825.86	16/04/2012	30/11/2013
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Placement of a Tertiary Education Specialist to support the University of the South Pacific (Pacific)	107,236.80	1/07/2012	30/12/2013
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Review of Education Legislation (Vanuatu)	152,652.50	30/09/2010	31/12/2013
M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Implementation of a pilot program for the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (Solomon Islands)	137,813.15	13/07/2012	31/07/2013

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M.D.I. INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Placement of a specialist for the Education Program (Papua New Guinea)	119,977.00	15/02/2013	14/02/2014
MAJURO WATER & SEWAGE COMPANY	Drought Response - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (Pacific)	114,000	7/06/2013	30/06/2013
MAP SMALL PROJECTS C/O NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION	Disaster Risk Mitigation in the Health Sector (Vanuatu)	613,025	15/04/2013	1/06/2014
MARIAN CURTIS	Training coordinator for the Education Sector (Vanuatu)	575,307.83	6/03/2012	30/06/2014
MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH	Reducing Rheumatic Fever and Controlling Rheumatic Heart Disease (Pacific)	739,720	21/04/2011	30/06/2014
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING (TONGA)	Technical Vocational Education and Training (Tonga)	7,000,000	1/01/2010	31/12/2014
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING (TONGA)	Support to Education and Health Sector Salaries (Tonga)	5,000,000	18/03/2013	30/06/2013
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING (TONGA)	Support to the Climate Change Adaptation Needs (Tonga)	292,000	23/05/2011	30/04/2014
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE (NEW ZEALAND)	Primary School Infrastructure Project (Pacific)	4,255,000	5/06/2012	30/06/2014
MORRIS, ALAN GREGORY	Specialist contributing to the review and implementation of reforms (Fiji)	253,772.20	3/08/2012	31/12/2014
MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Facility Management and Core Activities for the Health Resource Facility (Pacific)	15,154,688.35	22/01/2009	21/01/2014

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MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Team member contributing to the independent completion review for the Child Protection program and expanded program on immunisation (Pacific)	163,923.87	3/09/2012	14/01/2013
MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Placement of a Health Specialist (Fiji)	183,098.30	1/10/2012	31/12/2013
MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Specialist contributing to the Sector Budget Support for the Ministry of Health (Vanuatu)	151,146.60	11/02/2013	30/07/2013
MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Independent Audit and Capacity Assessment - Access to Clean Water and Sanitation (Solomon Islands)	125,652.69	14/11/2012	28/02/2013
MOTT MACDONALD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Specialist contributing to the mid term review of the National HIV Strategy (Papua New Guinea)	102,484.80	5/04/2013	31/07/2013
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PNG)	Strengthening capacity of selected vulnerable communities to adapt to the impact of Climate Change on Food Security (Papua New Guinea)	700,000	28/05/2013	31/07/2014
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA	National Council of Churches (Vanuatu)	1,344,458	1/07/2009	30/06/2014
NOSSAL INSTITUTE LIMITED	Strengthening HIV prevention through building workforce capacity (Papua New Guinea)	158,876	10/05/2013	25/01/2014
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRADE ADVISER COMMITTEE (INC)	Contribution to the Forum Island Countries in their engagement in Pacific Agreement on closer economic relations (Pacific)	1,000,000	19/03/2012	19/03/2014

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRADE ADVISER COMMITTEE (INC)	Supporting the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser to organise the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Inter-sessional Meetings (Pacific)	150,000	1/07/2012	30/06/2013
ONE HEALTH CONSULTING PTY LTD	Strategic health specialist - Health Systems Support Program (Tonga)	107,060.36	1/07/2012	31/12/2013
Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd	Corporate Services - Data Communications services (Solomon Islands)	841,907.88	19/09/2011	30/06/2014
ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (Pacific)	900,000	18/04/2011	31/12/2013
OSRALOO PTY LTD	Specialist contributing to the Design review of the Education Service Provision Facility (Papua New Guinea )	189,491.23	17/07/2012	30/04/2013
OXFAM AUSTRALIA	Standing Together Against Violence (Solomon Islands )	2,559,545	7/03/2012	30/09/2014
OXFAM AUSTRALIA	Coordination of Programs (Solomon Islands)	1,052,892	2/04/2012	30/09/2014
OXFAM AUSTRALIA	Joint Emergency response to the Earthquake and Tsunami (Solomon Islands)	179,437	7/03/2013	30/09/2013
PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS INCORPORATED (PASAI)	Support for core services (Pacific)	750,000	12/12/2011	31/12/2013
PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY	Connecting political actors to citizen voices (Vanuatu)	119,000	8/02/2013	30/06/2013
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY	Security Projects (Pacific)	10,000,000	2/06/2010	31/08/2014

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PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT	Budget and Program Support 2013 (Pacific)	6,915,000	23/05/2013	30/04/2014
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT	Support to the Implementation of the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability (Pacific)	1,535,403	13/01/2012	31/12/2014
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT	Support for the Pacific Plan Review (Pacific)	800,000	13/12/2012	1/12/2013
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT	Facilitation of the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic relations (Pacific)	500,000	13/06/2013	30/06/2013
PETER H SMITH	Placement of an adviser to the Infrastructure Sector (Vanuatu)	550,765.60	9/05/2012	8/05/2014
PETER JOHN HUNNAM	Placement of a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for the Review of Climate Change Activities (Pacific)	123,389.20	7/01/2013	30/09/2013
PFM METRICS PTY LTD	Specialist assessment on engagement with partner systems for public finance and economic management (Samoa)	105,138.00	17/08/2012	28/06/2014
PFM METRICS PTY LTD	Specialist to conduct an assessment of the Ministry of Justice and Community Affairs systems (Vanuatu)	101,115.96	1/12/2012	30/10/2013
PIEPER, LYNN MARIE	Governance Specialist - Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands Machinery of Government (Solomon Islands)	296,020.34	1/11/2012	31/07/2013
PILBROW GLOBAL PTY LTD	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Strategic Planning (Pacific)	222,341.52	7/09/2012	30/06/2013
POPULATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	Support to the 11th International Congress on AIDS (Asia Pacific)	250,000	7/11/2012	30/04/2014

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PRAXIS CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	Specialist contributing to the design for the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Program (Global)	360,496.40	15/02/2013	31/08/2013
PRAXIS CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	Review and design specifically contributing to the Secretariat Pacific Community and Australia Partnership (Pacific)	128,981.60	7/08/2012	31/12/2013
PROJECT DESIGN & MANAGEMENT	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for the Law and Justice Program (Papua New Guinea)	190,659.70	4/03/2013	30/06/2014
PROJECT DESIGN & MANAGEMENT	Specialist contributing to program designs (Papua New Guinea)	185,619.50	17/12/2012	30/06/2014
PT DUKUNGAN KARYA NUSANTARA	Post production, distribution and outreach of the Cinta dari Wamena Movie to educate the younger generation on the issues of HIV and AIDS (Papua New Guinea)	226,945	15/10/2012	31/12/2013
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Empowering People with Disabilities through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Pacific)	318,501	9/05/2013	6/03/2014
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Integrated systems approach for pest risk management (Asia-Pacific)	243,655	8/06/2011	30/06/2014
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Strategic Leadership for Inclusive Education in Elementary Education (Papua New Guinea)	248,645	8/05/2013	30/06/2013
RALF STRIER	Teacher Education Specialist (Vanuatu)	490,859.28	13/02/2012	1/06/2014
REEVES INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Project management of Kwajalein Atoll household water catchments project (Pacific)	153,606	15/03/2013	31/12/2013

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ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS	Clinical Health Services (Pacific)	5,583,200	1/07/2012	31/12/2014
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS	Midwifery Leadership Fellowship Program (Pacific)	210,551	10/05/2013	30/12/2013
ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Winning Foreign Direct Investment in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation economies through Effective Facilitation Global Investment Promotion Benchmarking - Training of Trainers (Global)	249,853	31/05/2012	31/10/2013
ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Regulatory environments to promote financial Inclusions in Developing Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and Other Regional Economies (Global)	248,888	31/05/2012	31/10/2013
ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Capacity building for improvements in supply chain performance across Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Global)	248,760	19/01/2012	30/08/2013
ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Developing Supply Chain Risk Assurance across Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Global)	248,293	5/01/2012	30/08/2013
SALVATION ARMY (FIJI DIVISION)	Support for crew services (Fiji)	204,000	12/11/2012	30/12/2013
SAMOA PUBLIC SECTOR IMPROVEMENT FACILITY	Public Sector Improvement Facility (Samoa)	10,787,467	1/01/2005	31/12/2013
SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA	Youth Outreach Partnership Project (Solomon Islands)	2,265,841	27/03/2012	30/09/2014
SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA	Earthquake & Tsunami Joint Emergency Response (Solomon Islands)	105,000	4/03/2013	30/09/2013

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SCIDEV.NET	Expansion of access to science and development information and networks - Development of a Regional Coordination Website (Pacific)	472,256	6/06/2011	20/07/2013
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY	Support for climate change adaptation activities (Pacific)	4,500,000	28/04/2011	30/06/2014
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY	Improving the assessment of literacy and numeracy - Phase 2 (Pacific)	1,622,139	20/02/2013	30/06/2014
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY	Pacific Register of Qualifications and Standards (Pacific)	766,488	15/05/2011	30/11/2013
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC NEW CALEDONIA)	Strengthen Pacific Statistics (Fiji)	6,867,137	30/05/2011	31/12/2013
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM	Core Budget and Program Support for the Regional Environment Program (Pacific)	2,223,000	26/04/2012	31/12/2013
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM	Support for Climate Change Adaptation Activities under Australia's International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (Pacific)	1,500,000	1/07/2011	31/03/2014
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Management and construction of Gizo Correctional Centre through the Solomon Islands Infrastructure Partnership (Solomon Islands)	16,459,300.00	30/11/2011	17/06/2014
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Supervision and design of local projects supporting the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands Infrastructure Partnership (Solomon Islands)	7,014,876.00	1/07/2011	30/06/2014



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SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands Infrastructure Partnership - Novated Projects (Solomon Islands)	5,784,240.00	17/06/2011	17/06/2014
SMEC INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	Development of Infrastructure Regulations (Vanuatu)	187,661.10	4/12/2012	31/12/2013
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT – MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND AID COORDINATION	National Transport Fund (Solomon Islands)	30,000,000	23/05/2011	30/06/2014
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Education Sector Support Program (Solomon Islands)	8,101,102	8/03/2013	31/12/2013
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Infrastructure Development Project (Solomon Islands)	6,470,000	25/05/2011	31/12/2014
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Performance Linked Aid for Teacher Salaries (Solomon Islands)	3,000,000	1/12/2012	30/06/2013
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Household Income and Expenditure Survey (Solomon Islands)	2,725,000	27/04/2012	30/06/2014
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Implementation of the Transport Management System (Solomon Islands)	627,103	4/09/2012	30/06/2013
SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT - MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY	Justice Sector Infrastructure (Solomon Islands)	429,997	4/06/2012	30/06/2014
SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY	Improving Urban Water Supply (Solomon Islands)	2,200,000	23/09/2011	31/12/2013
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	Support for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (Pacific)	925,328	1/07/2009	30/06/2014

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SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	Youth Engagement and Livelihood Project (Solomon Islands)	1,586,656	7/03/2012	30/09/2014
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	Makira Flood Recovery (Solomon Islands)	348,023	12/04/2013	31/10/2013
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	Churches Partnership Program Secretariat (Vanuatu)	222,585	6/07/2012	30/06/2014
SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY	Australian Research Development Awards for Improving environmental and human health in the Pacific Islands through better onsite wastewater management (Pacific Islands)	150,000	21/03/2011	30/07/2014
SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION SOCIETY (SENESE)	Inclusive Education Demonstration Program (Samoa)	1,591,452	1/01/2011	31/07/2013
STATE OF VICTORIA - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE T/A VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE	Forensic medical capacity development - forensic odontology (Pacific)	287,502	1/01/2012	31/05/2014
STATE OF VICTORIA - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE T/A VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE	Medico-Legal Care for Adult and Child Victims of Sexual Violence (Samoa)	224,094	30/11/2012	1/11/2014
STRET PTY LTD	Specialist to support Strategic Public Financial Management (Vanuatu)	101,120.80	18/01/2013	31/12/2013
THE ASIA FOUNDATION - AFGHANISTAN	Strategic Partnership with US-based Non-profit Organisations committed to development (Asia Pacific)	19,500,000	29/05/2012	15/12/2014
THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT LTD (ANZSOG)	Pacific Executive Program - improving transparency, accountability and efficiency (Pacific)	13,435,387.90	1/07/2008	30/09/2014

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THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH LTD (ACER)	Contribution to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Pacific Research (Pacific)	2,672,871.30	12/03/2012	31/03/2014
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	Communication for Development Curriculum Building (Papua New Guinea)	204,489	30/04/2011	31/05/2014
THE NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY	Mental health education and training (Pacific)	702,060	22/11/2011	30/06/2014
THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY SOCIAL WORK T/A THE SALVATION ARMY	Church Partnership Program 2011-2013 Phase 2 (Papua New Guinea)	2,699,081	16/07/2010	31/12/2013
THE SMALL ARMS SURVEY	Support for core Services (Asia Pacific)	1,200,000	1/12/2011	30/06/2014
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH UNITINGWORLD	Support fore core services (Pacific)	964,800	1/07/2009	30/06/2014
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH UNITINGWORLD	Church Partnership Program 2010-13 Phase 2 (Papua New Guinea)	4,755,426	15/07/2010	31/12/2013
THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG	Review of fisheries initiatives, food security and fisheries program (Pacific)	242,000.00	27/02/2012	30/06/2014
TONGA RED CROSS SOCIETY	Disaster Preparedness and Response (Tonga)	124,876	13/12/2012	13/12/2013
TOP END HOSPITAL NETWORK	Clinical and Capacity development support in response to the dengue outbreak (Solomon Islands)	165,000	1/05/2013	1/07/2014
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT)	Support for Governance and capacity Building Services (Asia Pacific)	7,608,855	1/04/2011	30/06/2014

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TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT)	Towards effective leadership and reforms in the fight against corruption (Asia Pacific)	7,269,233	1/07/2011	30/06/2014
UNDP	Prevention of violence against Women (Asia Pacific)	1,000,000	18/11/2010	30/06/2014
UNDP	Support to Development Effectiveness Facility (Asia Pacific)	200,000	27/05/2013	30/06/2013
UNDP	Pacific adaption to Climate Change (Fiji)	7,348,242	7/06/2011	30/08/2014
UNDP	Provincial Governance Strengthening Program (Solomon Islands)	7,956,604.70	25/04/2008	30/06/2014
UNDP	Increasing resilience of coastal areas and community settlements to Climate Change (Tuvalu)	1,000,000	31/05/2011	31/08/2014
UNDP	Strengthening peace and development (Fiji)	600,000	10/06/2011	31/12/2013
UNIQUEST PTY LIMITED	Short Course Awards - Education, Leadership and Management for the Higher Education Sector (Papua New Guinea)	330,215.60	29/08/2012	31/05/2013
UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	Contribution to the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (Pacific)	2,370,600	31/03/2010	31/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	Facilitation of mobile banking (Solomon Islands)	1,200,000	9/05/2011	31/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) NY	Accelerating the implementation of the investment case in maternal, newborn and child health (Pacific)	8,000,000	1/06/2011	30/06/2014
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) NY	Contribution to the multi-country program (Pacific)	5,250,000	1/01/2013	30/06/2014

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	Promoting coordination and coherence across programs in Pacific Island Countries (Pacific)	18,370,000	30/06/2008	31/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) – PACIFIC CENTRE	Parliamentary Support Project (Samoa)	817,025	1/02/2012	30/06/2014
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION(UNESCO)	Strengthening the capacity of Teachers, Trainers and Principals (Republic of Kiribati)	418,665	7/02/2011	31/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR WOMEN	Pacific Regional Facility Fund in support of organisations and action to eliminate Violence Against Women (Pacific)	5,237,600	23/05/2011	30/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR WOMEN	Transitional Activities toward advancing Justice in the Pacific Programme (Pacific)	400,000	19/04/2013	30/06/2013
UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION SECRETARIAT	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (Asia Pacific)	6,150,000	1/12/2010	31/12/2013
UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (OCHA)	Contribution to the Regional Office (Asia Pacific)	1,000,000	14/06/2013	30/12/2013
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE THROUGH THE ASIALINK CENTRE	Building community mental health through strategic public partnerships (Pacific)	356,150	1/01/2012	30/06/2014
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND	Malaria Initiative Support Centre (Pacific)	16,744,560.80	31/05/2008	30/12/2013
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND	Malaria Elimination Network - Establishment Support Program (Pacific)	6,154,523	27/11/2009	31/12/2013

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UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND	Accelerating the implementation of the investment case for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (Pacific)	2,500,000	1/06/2011	30/06/2014
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC	Contribution to the Pacific Australian Development Scholarship (Pacific)	2,727,768.69	1/07/2009	31/12/2014
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC	Support for the Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration (Pacific)	2,300,000	1/12/2009	30/09/2013
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY	Marine Spatial Information System (Pacific)	236,390	13/12/2012	30/06/2014
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY	Team members contributing to an evaluation of decentralisation issues (Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Solomon Islands)	457,422.90	17/12/2012	31/12/2013
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC	Corporate Services - Training (Pacific)	18,855,740.93	14/10/2009	31/12/2014
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC	Future Climate Leaders' Program - Higher Education Phase 2 (Pacific)	1,341,000	30/05/2011	30/09/2013
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC	Future Climate Leaders' Program - Higher Education Phase 1 (Pacific)	1,186,000	16/11/2010	30/09/2013
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC	Coordination of Training for Untrained Teachers - Year One (Pacific)	450,000	6/03/2013	31/03/2014
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC	Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Communities (Fiji)	391,000	9/06/2010	30/09/2013
URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen (Papua New Guinea)	90,640,000.00	1/06/2010	30/06/2014

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URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Implementation of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands Economic Governance Program Pillar Plan (Solomon Islands)	5,674,713.00	18/01/2013	30/12/2013
URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Solomon Islands Justice Program under the Solomon Islands Partnership Facility (Solomon Islands)	5,404,802.70	1/07/2013	30/12/2013
URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Team members to support the Urban Water Supply program (Solomon Islands)	239,938.60	15/05/2013	30/12/2013
URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Deployee support services transitional support (Solomon Islands)	209,000.00	6/05/2013	30/06/2013
URS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Team Leader - Specialist contributing to the design of the Ending Violence Against Women (Solomon Islands)	121,033.00	15/09/2012	30/06/2013
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY	Support for the Pawa Meri Project (Papua New Guinea)	313,063	3/04/2012	3/01/2014
VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS (PNG)	Inclusive Education Quality Research Program (Papua New Guinea)	377,078	11/06/2013	30/01/2014
WALTER, GRAHAM MELVYN	Team Leader contributing to the review of Pacific Climate Change Activities (Pacific)	171,962.00	21/12/2012	30/09/2013
WALTER, GRAHAM MELVYN	Team Leader - Program Monitoring and Advisory Group (Nauru)	146,641.00	1/10/2012	30/06/2013
WAN SMOL BAG THEATRE	Film, Radio and Theatre Community tripartite Partnership - Phase 3 (Vanuatu)	8,147,376	20/04/2010	31/12/2014
WARREN, PHILIP	Program Director for the Australia Transport Sector Support Program (Papua New Guinea)	213,707.12	9/04/2013	8/10/2013

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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY	Community Based Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Demonstration Project in Manus Province (Papua New Guinea)	1,699,000	25/05/2012	31/07/2014
WORLD BANK, THE	Pacific Facility III - additional contribution 2011 (Pacific)	17,280,000	8/06/2011	31/12/2014
WORLD BANK, THE	Contribution to the Pacific Facility (Pacific)	6,000,000	22/03/2013	13/12/2014
WORLD BANK, THE	Health and HIV Program (Papua New Guinea)	950,000	1/09/2010	19/10/2013
WORLD BANK, THE	Support for the Solomon Islands Household Income and Expenditure Survey (Solomon Islands)	200,000	25/05/2012	30/06/2014
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Contribution to the Strategy for Emerging Diseases (Asia Pacific)	12,000,000	1/06/2011	30/06/2014
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Contribution to the Strategy for Emerging Diseases (Asia Pacific)	12,000,000	1/05/2011	31/12/2013
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Activities in support of Public Health (Pacific)	5,000,000	1/05/2012	31/12/2013
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Support for health sector development and Global Fund assistance to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (Pacific)	2,500,000	7/06/2011	31/12/2013
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	The Asia Pacific Observatory supporting public health (Asia Pacific)	350,000	4/06/2013	31/12/2013
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Capacity Building in Midwifery Education (Papua New Guinea)	9,770,278	27/05/2011	3/03/2014
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Contribution to the Co-Financing Partnership (Papua New Guinea)	2,000,000	26/10/2012	31/10/2013
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Placement of a Senior Health Planner (Solomon Islands)	739,936	1/11/2011	31/12/2013



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WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Health information System Support Officer (Solomon Islands)	331,443	12/09/2012	3/03/2014
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)	Role delineation policy and sector Wide Approach Program Partners Secretariat Support (Solomon Islands)	222,510	28/05/2013	31/12/2014
WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA	Earthquake and Tsunami Joint Emergency Response (Solomon Islands)	185,000	2/03/2013	30/09/2013
WWF SOUTH PACIFIC PROGRAMME OFFICE	Strengthening Community Adaptation Measures to the effects of Climate Change (Fiji)	721,342	10/05/2011	31/12/2013

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**Answer**

*It is an unreasonable use of Department resources to answer these questions in their current form. The information provided does not allow for a departmental search of current contract databases. Attached is a list of currently active Pacific aid initiatives with expected completion dates in 2013 or 2014.*

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Active Initiatives as at 13 June 2014 - PACIFIC *	Initiative Completion Date	Initiative Value **
ACC Post Disaster Recovery Team	30/06/2014	\$ 103,465
ADB's Enhancing Engagement with Pacific - Phase 2	30/06/2014	\$ 3,286,000
ANCP Innovations Fund 2009-10 to 2012-13	30/03/2014	\$ 4,505,438
ANGAU Memorial Hospital Master Planning	30/06/2014	\$ 1,325,139
Anti-Corruption for Development Initiative	31/10/2014	\$ 11,084,287
APEC Whole of Government Support	30/06/2014	\$ 26,591,192
Asia Pacific Forestry Skills and Capacity Building	30/06/2014	\$ 13,839,675
Assistance to Tonga following Cyclone Ian	30/06/2014	\$ 500,000
AVID - Monitoring and Evaluation	30/06/2014	\$ 728,005
Avoidable Blindness in the Asia Pacific	30/06/2014	\$ 1,000,000
Avoidable Blindness Initiative	30/05/2014	\$ 40,715,852
CARE Integrated Community Development Program	30/06/2013	\$ 5,593,655
Civil Society Program	30/11/2014	\$ 7,898,429
Climate Change Adaptation Platform	30/06/2014	\$ 1,587,168
Community Climate Change Adaptation - Fiji	30/06/2014	\$ 1,112,342
Development-through-Sport Planning and Advocacy	30/06/2014	\$ 400,000
Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund (Fiji)	30/06/2014	\$ 4,498,165
Education Sector Support to Solomon Islands	30/12/2014	\$ 23,950,208
Emergency relief - pre-positioned stocks (Vanuatu)	30/06/2014	\$ 6,500
Emergency relief - Tropical Cyclone Lusi (Vanuatu)	30/06/2014	\$ 40,000

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EVAW review of programs	30/06/2014	\$	600,000
Fiji Program Performance and Quality	30/06/2014	\$	415,000
Global Integrity 2012-14	31/10/2014	\$	180,000
Governance for Growth Program	30/06/2013	\$	39,010,598
Health Service Provision Facility	30/06/2014	\$	78,351,700
HIV Policy Implementation	30/09/2014	\$	9,580,000
Household Income and Expenditure Survey	30/06/2014	\$	3,020,000
Humanitarian Capability and Training 2012-2014	30/06/2014	\$	739,248
Improving Pacific Literacy and Numeracy Assessment	31/12/2014	\$	1,700,000
Interim Support to the PNG TVET & Higher Education	31/01/2014	\$	10,384,192
JU Transport - Ramu Madang Highway Scoping	31/12/2014	\$	3,000,000
Kastom Gaden Association (KGA)	31/12/2014	\$	2,945,266
Kiribati Australia Partnership for Development	30/06/2014	\$	2,940
North Pacific Small Grants Scheme FY 13/14	30/06/2014	\$	500,000
PACCSAPP	31/12/2014	\$	32,168,000
Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project	30/08/2014	\$	7,348,242
Pacific Biomedical Equipment Maintenance	30/06/2014	\$	4,195,707
Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre	30/06/2014	\$	15,501,760
Pacific Future Climate Leaders Program	30/06/2014	\$	2,941,000
Pacific Institute for Public Policy core funding	30/06/2013	\$	3,016,780
Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration	30/06/2014	\$	3,165,123
Pacific Malaria Initiative - Regional Research	30/06/2014	\$	10,369,518
Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility	30/06/2014	\$	65,780,207
Pacific Regional Audit Initiative	30/06/2014	\$	4,250,000

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Pacific Sexual and Reproductive Health Program	30/06/2014	\$	2,846,140
Pacific Specialised Clinical Services	31/12/2014	\$	3,092,000
Palau- Typhoon Haiyan Response	30/09/2014	\$	100,000
PFM - Medium Term Expenditure Framework	30/06/2014	\$	400,000
PNG - Local Level Government Elections ACC support	30/06/2014	\$	168,008
PNG Health and HIV: ANGAU Lae Referral Hospital	30/06/2014	\$	209,127
PNG Microfinance Expansion Project	30/06/2014	\$	6,900,000
PNG Transport Sector Support Program (TSSP)	31/12/2014	\$	414,409,952
Poverty and Social Analysis	30/06/2014	\$	288,031
Prime Minister's Pacific & Allison Sudradjat Award	30/06/2014	\$	3,643,752
Priority Outcome 1:Improved Basic Education - SEMS	31/12/2014	\$	506,567
Private Sector Development Initiative Phase 2	31/12/2014	\$	11,000,000
RAMSI - Economic Governance	31/08/2014	\$	43,540,564
RAMSI - Law and Justice Program	30/06/2014	\$	87,471,199
RAMSI - Machinery of Government	30/06/2013	\$	31,287,621
Reducing Cost of Remittances - Pacific and Asia	30/12/2014	\$	2,301,666
Samoa - ACC Tropical Cyclone Evan recovery support	30/12/2014	\$	363,337
Samoa Post-Tsunami Recovery & Reconstruction	30/06/2014	\$	6,100,000
Scholarship Systems Management	30/06/2014	\$	14,567,852
Short term support to Regional Organisations	30/06/2014	\$	165,000
SOFEA Integration into OASIS	30/06/2014	\$	1,740,000
Solomon Islands Disaster Risk Response	30/06/2014	\$	46,529

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Solomon Islands Domestic Maritime Support Project	30/06/2014	\$	4,000,000
Solomon Islands Energy Sector Support	31/12/2014	\$	2,250,000
Solomon Islands Governance Program	31/12/2014	\$	2,136,841
Solomon Islands Lata Earthquake response	31/08/2014	\$	990,790
Solomon Islands Transport Infrastructure	31/12/2014	\$	27,993,209
SPC: Multi Country Climate Change Support Program	30/06/2014	\$	1,643,450
Sport Development Grants Pilot and Independent Rev	30/06/2014	\$	140,000
Strategic Support: WHO Pacific Sub-Regional Office	31/12/2013	\$	5,000,000
Support to PIFS for the Pacific Plan Review	1/12/2013	\$	800,000
Support to Small Island Developing States Meeting	30/09/2014	\$	250,000
Tackling NCDs in the Pacific	30/06/2014	\$	20,612,081
Temporary Assistance to Fiji Education	30/06/2013	\$	3,658,922
Tokelau Trust Fund Support	30/11/2014	\$	8,787,054
Tonga - ARDS	31/12/2014	\$	11,487,712
Tonga Climate Change Adaption Program	30/06/2014	\$	292,000
Tonga Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism	30/11/2014	\$	4,007,949
Tuvalu Governance Support Initiative	30/06/2014	\$	453,863
UNDP Pacific Sub Regional Centre	30/06/2014	\$	23,580,334
Vanuatu Australia Police Project (VAPP)	15/08/2014	\$	14,130,240
Vanuatu Church Partnership Program - Phase 2	30/06/2014	\$	5,794,519
Vanuatu National Library and Archives	30/06/2014	\$	3,365,211
Wan Smolbag Theatre Tripartite Partnership	31/12/2014	\$	8,941,555

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WHO Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases	30/06/2014	\$	12,000,000
WHO Western Pacific Regional Office Reform Stage 2	30/06/2014	\$	6,000,000
WHO WPRO Earmarked Funding 2010-11	30/09/2014	\$	2,500,000
World Bank Pacific Facility	31/12/2014	\$	25,600,007

*\*The initiatives listed are currently "active" with completion dates in the 2013 or 2014 calendar years that relate to aid work being undertaken in the Pacific region. Note that the work of some initiatives may not be solely undertaken in the Pacific.*

*\*\*The Initiative Value is the expected level of expenditure for which financial approval exists. It does not relate to expenditure for a particular year or financial year.*

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING**

**Question No 491**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - East Asia**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are by country for this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?***
- 2. What are the priorities for the East Asia Program? You could possibly identify these by telling us what the largest investments are in the program?***
- 3. What civil society programs are you prioritising within the East Asia Program?***
- 4. How will the aid program be supporting programs to promote good governance, transparency and institutional strengthening in East Asian countries?***
- 5. What are the specific priorities in Cambodia and who are the key donor partners that Australia is working with to reduce poverty in Cambodia?***
- 6. Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain that relative share of funding across the East Asian country programs?***
- 7. Are there any emerging priorities that might shift the share of funding between countries?***



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#### Answer

- 1. Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are by country for this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?**

Country	2010-11 (\$m) Expenditure	2011-12 (\$m) Expenditure	2012-13 (\$m) Expenditure	2013-14 (\$m) Estimated Outcome	2014-15 (\$m) Budget Estimates*
Burma	52.4	55.9	75.5	81.4	90.0
Cambodia	76.3	94.0	86.8	77.5	79.0
China	34.8	35.9	17.3	0	0
Indonesia	406.7	514.5	551.9	601.6	605.3
Laos	56.6	50.6	55.1	56.4	55.6
Mongolia	9.2	13.3	14.8	16.7	16.3
North Korea	5.0	4.1	0	0	0
Philippines	126.1	132.8	133.3	175.2	143.0
Regional East Asia	83.3	119.2	112.0	81.4	100.0
Timor-Leste	113.6	104.6	111.6	112.3	96.6
Vietnam	136.8	149.0	143.7	138.9	141.3

\* Beyond 2014-15, allocations will be subject to annual budget processes and therefore are not provided here.

- 2. What are the priorities for the East Asia Program? You could possibly identify these by telling us what the largest investments are in the program?**

Priorities for the South-East Asia and North Asia (formerly referred to as East Asia) programs are guided by the strategic framework set out in *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability* and through consultation with partner governments. The investments made in each country are tailored to country context and reflect Australia's national interest, and as such they vary throughout the region. Through the strategic framework, Australia will support infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness; agriculture, fisheries and water; effective governance, institutions and functioning economies; education and health; building resilience, including humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and social protection; and gender equality and empowering women and girls. The three largest Australian aid initiatives in this region based on approved spending are Australia's Education Partnership with Indonesia, the National Program for Community Empowerment in Indonesia, and the Basic Education Sector Transformation Program in the Philippines.

- 3. What civil society programs are you prioritising within the East Asia Program?**

Civil society is involved in the delivery of a wide range of programs in the South-East and North Asia region in areas such as health, education, governance and microfinance. Examples of major initiatives are the Australia NGO Cooperation Program, the Australia Mekong NGO Engagement Platform and our partnership with The Asia Foundation.

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**4. How will the aid program be supporting programs to promote good governance, transparency and institutional strengthening in East Asian countries?**

The aid program will be supporting such programs through grants. Grant funding arrangement under the aid program include core funding to UN agencies, payments to international financial institutions, trust fund contributions, budget support to partner governments, funding administered by other donor agencies on behalf of the department, and funding to NGO programs.

**5. What are the specific priorities in Cambodia and who are the key donor partners that Australia is working with to reduce poverty in Cambodia?**

The priorities for the Australian aid program in Cambodia are health, infrastructure, law and justice, agriculture and rural development. Australia partners with non-government organisations (such as Save the Children, Care Australia and World Vision), United Nations agencies, multilateral banks, and other bilateral donors, such as the German Development Cooperation agency, to implement its aid program in Cambodia.

**6. Over the current forward estimates, is it proposed to maintain that relative share of funding across the East Asian country programs?**

Current forward estimates for ODA allocations do not go beyond 2014-15. Please refer to Question One for current funding across South-East and North Asia (formerly East Asia) country programs.

**7. Are there any emerging priorities that might shift the share of funding between countries?**

The country budget allocations for Australian aid announced on 18 June 2014 reflect priorities and planned spending for the current financial year.

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**Question No 492**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - East Asia AIRPD**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Is it correct that funding for this program ends in 2014-15?***
- 2. Is it expected that both the grants and concessional loans components will be fully committed?***
- 3. Where will responsibility lie for the ongoing administration of any residual loans arrangements?***
- 4. Will there be an evaluation of the program? Who will conduct the evaluation.***

**Answer**

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. The responsibility for the ongoing administration of any residual loan arrangements lies with the Indonesia aid program within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
4. Yes there will be an independent evaluation of the Eastern Indonesia National Roads Improvement Project (EINRIP), which is the only remaining active project under the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (AIRPD). The evaluation will be undertaken following the completion of the project in December 2014. The evaluators have yet to be selected.

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**Question No 493**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and Other (Program 1.9)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

- 1. Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are by country for this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?**
- 2. Can you advise whether there is any investment through the aid program in gender related programs in Nigeria?**
- 3. Does the Australian aid program fund any civil society programs in Nigeria?**
- 4. Does the aid program support access to education of girls, or boys and girls in Nigeria?**
- 5. Has the Department given any consideration to whether this would be an appropriate activity for the aid program?**
- 6. Has the Nigerian Government been offered, or requested any assistance in funding programs to support institutional strengthening, civil society or education programs?**

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### Answer

#### ***1. Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are by country for this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?***

ODA allocations to countries and regions under Program 1.9: Official Development Assistance - Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and Other are:

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 Estimated Outcome	2014/15 Budget Estimate
<b>South and West Asia</b>	<b>302.8</b>	<b>418.2</b>	<b>352.1</b>	<b>332.8</b>	<b>354.9</b>
Afghanistan	77.7	163.0	132.9	130.9	130.9
Pakistan	68.7	78.9	63.3	64.0	65.6
Bangladesh	55.7	69.6	84.8	61.6	70.1
Sri Lanka	34.3	37.7	25.7	32.4	33.2
Nepal	19.7	15.7	15.1	15.2	15.6
Bhutan	3.1	3.7	4.2	3.5	3.5
Maldives	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.0
South and West Asia Regional	40.6	46.8	22.6	22.4	32.9
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>236.6</b>	<b>298.4</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>202.3</b>	<b>143.0</b>
Iraq	38.8	27.3	17.3	3.7	
Palestinian Territories		38.6	36.4	33.4	34.2
Middle East and North Africa	42.8	31.8	64.3	32.2	2.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	155.0	200.7	211.2	133.0	106.0
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	-
Latin America	9.2	15.7	9.3	7.1	-
Caribbean	17.0	12.9	6.5	8.0	-

The balance of Program 1.9, i.e. the component not allocated to specific country or regional programs, is primarily cross-regional programs that include funding

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allocations benefitting a number of regions, including sector-based initiatives. Please refer to question 30 for further information on cross regional programs.

Beyond 2014-15, allocations will be subject to annual budget processes and therefore are not provided here.

***2. Can you advise whether there is any investment through the aid program in gender related programs in Nigeria?***

The Australian Government has invested in gender related programs in Nigeria through its Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), its Direct Aid Program (DAP), and via funding to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.

The ANCP supports an Australian NGO, Christian Blind Mission Australia, seeking to improve the quality of life of poor women with disabilities in Nigeria (2013-2015).

Australia also supported projects with gender-related goals through the DAP. These include:

- a project to improve women's access to water implemented by Society for Africa Education and Social Cultural Development, \$17, 784; 2013-14
- a Computer School project to improve women's employment opportunities implemented by Wusasa Computer School, \$17, 053.96; 2013-14
- a Water and Sanitation project implemented by Ralu Chukwe Agbada Ani Nri Farmers' Cooperative Society, \$7, 524; 2012-13

From 2010-13, the aid program funded Oxfam to work with local Nigerian women's organisations to develop and implement strategies to combat violence and discrimination against women, combining mass communication of positive content with community mobilization. This was under our funding to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.

***3. Does the Australian aid program fund any civil society programs in Nigeria?***

The Australia Government supports civil society programs in Nigeria through DAP and ANCP. Individuals employed by civil society organisations are also supported to study in Australia through Australia Awards.

In 2013-14, the Australian Aid Program supported:

- 17 Civil Society projects in Nigeria through DAP, at a total of \$225 327.27
- Three Civil Society projects in Nigeria, which total \$1, 069, 693

Through the Australia Awards in Africa in 2013 and 2014, Australia funded 9 individuals employed by civil society organisations to study in Australia. One of the aims of Australia Awards is that these individuals will have the capacity to

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strengthen the civil society organisations they are employed by upon return to Nigeria.

The Australian Government also supported an individual from Community Emergency Response Initiative to attend the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) Annual Conference in Canada in 2013.

***4. Does the aid program support access to education of girls, or boys and girls in Nigeria?***

In 2013-14, Australia funded education projects in Nigeria through the DAP to the value of \$45, 005.71. These were implemented by Abugi Jankara Development Association (\$15, 373.26; 2013-14), Abam Development Association Federated (\$12, 654; 2013-14), Afrigrowth (\$4, 145; 2013-14), and Garram Children's School (\$7, 313.45; 2013-14) and were focused on improving school infrastructure, and improving literacy.

***5. Has the Department given any consideration to whether this would be an appropriate activity for the aid program?***

Australia is consolidating its aid to Africa to reflect the Government's focus on the Indo-Pacific region. Australia's aid to Africa will focus predominantly on East and Southern Africa, with select engagement with West and Central Africa. Our support will focus on extractives' governance and agricultural productivity. We are not directly supporting basic education in Nigeria.

***6. Has the Nigerian Government been offered, or requested any assistance in funding programs to support institutional strengthening, civil society or education programs?***

Nigeria has requested and received a range of aid from Australia, including support to civil society programs through the DAP and the ANCP, and for institutional strengthening through Australia Awards and the Australia Africa Partnership Facility.

The Australian Government supports civil society programs in Nigeria through DAP and the ANCP. In 2013-14, the Australian aid program supported:

- 17 civil society projects in Nigeria through DAP at a total of \$225 327.27
- Three civil society projects in Nigeria through ANCP, totalling \$1 069 693.

Nigeria is eligible to receive scholarships through the Australia Awards program, which aims to provide African professionals with access to Australian-standard postgraduate training opportunities. In 2014-15, Nigeria will be offered a total of 49 Masters and short course (up to 3 months) scholarships.

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In 2013, Australia contributed \$940, 000 to a World Bank Project supporting the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development in developing Nigeria's mineral sector in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable way. This project is also being financed by Canada.

The Australian Government established the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility in 2010 to support capacity building efforts of partner governments and institutions in Africa. Activities involving Nigeria have included a Mining Governance Study Tour to Australia in 2011, an Africa Mining Governance Study Tour Alumni Learning Forum in Tete Province in Mozambique in 2012, and the Mining Governance and 2012 Africa Down Under Study Tour.



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**Question No 494**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee Program (Program 1.10)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *Could you advise what the actual and estimated ODA allocations are for each of the components of this program annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?*
2. *Can you please advise the total Australian aid funds provided since September 2013 to support humanitarian and emergency measures in South Sudan?*
3. *Were these funds made available from within this program, from another program or via Australia's contribution to a separate funding arrangement [eg the UN Central Emergency Response Fund]?*
4. *Can you please advise the total Australian aid funds provided to support humanitarian and emergency measures in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia follow recent floods?*
5. *Were funds made available from within this program, from another program or via Australia's contribution to a separate funding arrangement [eg CERF]?*
6. *Was any additional contribution made to CERF or other third party relief organisation for this purpose?*

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- The table below shows, for each component of Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee Programs, the actual expenditure for 2010-11 to 2012-13, the estimated outcome for 2013-14 and the budget estimate for 2014-15. Beyond 2014-15, allocations will be subject to annual budget processes and therefore are not provided here.

		Actual			Estimated Outcome	Budget Estimate
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Humanitarian & Emergency Response		245.9	233.5	163.3	137.4	200.1
International Committee of the Red Cross		18.1	20.0	22.0	22.0	26.6
United Nations Humanitarian Agencies		89.5	94.9	100.0	104.8	111.9
	<i>UNOCHA</i>	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.3
	<i>WFP</i>	45.0	45.0	46.0	46.0	50.0
	<i>UNCERF</i>	14.0	16.0	11.0	11.0	11.3
	<i>UNHCR</i>	16.0	18.0	19.0	19.0	21.0
	<i>UNRWA</i>	7.5	7.9	15.0	19.8	20.3
<b>Total Humanitarian, Emergency &amp; Refugee Programs</b>		<b>353.5</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>285.2</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>338.6</b>

- DFAT has allocated \$13.4 million in Australian aid funds since September 2013 to support humanitarian and emergency measures in South Sudan. This includes \$2.8 million for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' regional response to the humanitarian situation in South Sudan.
- The funds were allocated from the Humanitarian Program and from other programs within the Australia aid program.
- Australia provided \$35,000 in direct assistance to the recent flooding in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bosnia.

In addition, Australia provides core support to the United Nations and other international organisations for their global operations, which enables them to respond to situations such as the Western Balkans Floods. In 2013-14 Australian core support included:

- \$9 million for the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- \$36 for the World Food Programme
- \$1 million for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Disaster Relief Emergency Fund

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5. The Australian Embassy in Belgrade donated \$5000 worth of medical supplies, and the Australian Embassy in Vienna (which is responsible for Bosnia and Herzegovina) provided \$30,000 in direct aid to recovery activities.

Core contributions to UN Agencies and the IFRC, as referred to in Q4, do come from the Humanitarian Program.

6. No additional contribution was made to CERF or other parties in response to the flooding in the Balkans other than that referred to in Q5.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - Multilateral Replenishments (Program 1.11)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

- 1. Can you please provide information of each of the multilateral facilities or programs to which the Australian Government has committed funds annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?*
- 2. Could you please include information about base and voluntary funding commitments?*
- 3. Can you please advise which replenishments are expected to be considered between now and 30 June 2015?*
- 4. Given the new priorities set for the aid program by the Minister, has the department assessed the relative value for money, national interest outcomes of Australia's participation in these multilateral facilities?*
- 5. Will performance benchmarks be set for Australia's participation in Multilateral agreements/organisations?*

### **Answer**

#### **Answers 1 and 2**

The following relates to PBS Program 1.11, covering the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund (MPMF), Global Environment Facility (GEF) and International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD).

For the purposes of this answer, base funding is defined as core funding, that is assessed membership contributions including supplementary amounts and associated obligations. Voluntary funding is defined as non-core/earmarked funding, usually country or sector specific contributions determined at the bilateral program level.

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#### World Bank

Australia's total core contributions to the World Bank includes a base payment, debt relief measures (arrear clearance, foregone grants, the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative, and Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) and any supplementary support.

Total core funding for 2010-11 to 2013-14 is as follows:

<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
\$228.3m	\$185.3m	\$206.9m	\$218.0m

Between 2014-15 and 2016-17, Australia's estimated total core funding will be as follows:

<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
\$211.7m	\$222.5m	\$220.1m

Australia's non-core contributions to the World Bank between 2010-11 and 2012-13 are as follows:

<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
\$347.1m	\$492.9m	\$315.7m

The 2013-14 figure is not yet available, and new non-core allocations to the World Bank are determined on an annual basis so no information is available for 2014-15 to 2016-17.

#### Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Australia's core funding to the ADB for 2010-11 to 2013-14 is as follows:

<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
\$70.3m	\$80.9m	\$83.1m	\$101.1m

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Between 2014-15 and 2016-17, Australia's estimated core funding will be as follows:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
\$122.2m	\$124.9m	To be determined*

\* The 11<sup>th</sup> replenishment of the Asian Development Fund (ADF) will be negotiated in 2015-16, therefore no figure is available yet.

Australia's non-core contributions to the ADB between 2010-11 and 2012-13 are as follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
\$96.8m	\$83.8m	\$79.8m

The 2013-14 figure is not yet available, and new non-core allocations to the ADB are determined on an annual basis so no information is available for 2014-15 to 2016-17.

#### Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund (MPMF)

Australia's core funding to the MPMF for 2010-11 to 2013-14 is as follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
\$3.1m	\$3.1m	\$3.2m	\$3.2m

#### Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Australia's core funding to the GEF for 2010-11 to 2016-17 is as follows:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
\$20.1m	\$22.6m	\$20.0m	\$19.4m	\$17.4m*	\$20.4m*	\$20.6m*

\* These figures include an estimate of Australia's payments to GEF 6 as the payment schedule for 2014-15 to 2016-17 has not yet been confirmed.

#### IFAD

Nil

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#### **Answer 3**

Contributions to the ninth replenishment of the Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund will be considered through the course of 2014-15.

#### **Answers 4 and 5**

The Government's development policy, *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability* was launched on 18 June 2014. Australia's aid program will have a stronger focus on private sector development, including aid for trade, including a greater focus in the Indo-Pacific region. These new policy priorities align with the Banks' focus.

A new performance framework, *Making Performance Count*, was also launched to reinforce the new policy directions, enhance accountability and ensure a stronger focus on results and value for money. It commits the Government to design and apply by 2015 a new system to assess the performance of the aid program's key delivery partners and ensure stronger links between performance and funding. The Government will work to ensure the World Bank, the ADB and other multilateral funds and organisations remain highly effective in delivering respective outcomes.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: ODA - UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

- 1. Can you please provide information of each of the organisations to which the Australian Government has committed ODA eligible funds annually from 2010-11 through to 2016-17?*
- 2. Can you please advise which organisations are due to have funding arrangements considered or renegotiated between now and 30 June 2015?*
- 3. Could you please include information about base and voluntary funding commitments?*

### **Answer**

1 –Table 1 below provides a breakdown by financial year of ODA eligible funding provided to UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations (as per Portfolio Budget Statement Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio, Programme 1.12) between 2010-11 and 2013-14 (actual expenditure).

Table 1 provides a breakdown of funding by core and non-core. Core funding (or base funding) includes all funding provided to multilateral organisations without restrictions on its use. Non-core funding (or voluntary funding) refers to all funding provided to multilateral organisations tied to a specific purpose (e.g. geographic or thematic).



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Table 1

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14*</b>
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)	\$18.3m (core) \$80.7m (non-core)	\$23.3m (core) \$71.07m (non-core)	\$20.66m (core) \$11.35m (non-core)	\$20.7m (core)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$24.5m (core) \$114.4m (non-core)	\$34.1m (core) \$63.5m (non-core)	\$34.1m (core) \$58.67 (non-core)	\$34.1m (core)
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$11.5m (core) \$22.3m (non-core)	\$14m (core) \$1m (non-core)	\$15m (core) \$15.7m (non-core)	\$15m (core)
United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDs (UNAIDS)	\$8.5m (core) \$2.2m (non-core)	\$5.5m (core) \$3.5m (non-core)	\$7.24m (core) \$0.12m (non-core)	\$7.2m (core)
World Health Organization (WHO)	\$27.1m (core) \$41.5m (non-core)	\$32m (core) \$33m (non-core)	\$28.54m (core) \$35m (non-core)	\$30.7m (core)
UN Women	\$9.4m (core) \$5.73m (non-core)	\$9.5m (core) \$6.77m (non-core)	\$8m (core) \$11.24m (non-core)	\$8m (core)
International Labour Organization (ILO)	\$10.2m (core) \$7.5m (non-core)	\$4.37m (core) \$17.33m (non-core)	\$21.65m (non-core)	-
Commonwealth Development Programs	\$13.4m (core) \$0.1m (non-core)	\$14.7m (core)	\$9.96m (core) \$0.76m (non-core)	\$11.9m (core)
GAVI Alliance	\$42.9m (core)	\$60m (core)	\$47.5m (core)	\$52.5m (core)
Global Fund	\$30m (core)	\$10m (core)	\$59.88m (core)	\$100m (core)
Global Partnership for Education	\$22m (core)	\$50m (core)	\$30m (core)	\$70m (core)

\* Non-core funding figures for 2013-14 are not yet available.

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Table 2 below provides information (where relevant) on future commitments under partnership agreements for ODA eligible core funding only

Table 2

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
UNDP	\$21.2m (core)	No future funding commitments have been made for these organisations beyond 2014-15	
UNICEF	\$35m (core)		
UNFPA	\$15.4m (core)		
UNAIDS	\$7.5m (core)		
WHO	\$20.6m (core)		
UN Women	\$8.2m (core)		
Commonwealth	To be negotiated		
GAVI Alliance	To be negotiated		
Global Fund	\$200m (core) over 2014-2016		
Global Partnership for Education	\$140m (core) over 2015-2018		

2 – The following UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations have multi-year funding arrangements (known as partnership agreements) that will be renegotiated between now and 30 June 2015:

- UNICEF
- UNDP
- UNFPA
- UN Women

3 – Please refer to Table 1.

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### **Question No 497**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Consular services**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

1. *DFAT's consular services are currently being reviewed - when will this review be complete?*
2. *The Commission of Audit suggested a levy for consular services and emergency consular assistance overseas - is this suggestion being considered or implemented by the department?*
3. *How many Australians are currently incarcerated overseas?*
  - a. *Will the changes to consular services affect the degree of assistance for them?*
4. *Was advice was sought by the Foreign Minister into the "user pays" approach?*
  - a. *What was that advice? If there is written advice please provide a copy.*
5. *Was advice was sought by the Commission of Audit into the "user pays" approach?*
  - a. *What was that advice?*
  - b. *If there is written advice please provide a copy.*
6. *Was financial analysis into the "user pays" approach conducted by the department? If so please provide a copy of the advice.*
7. *Can you please provide a breakdown of the savings from co-locating the Baghdad embassy?*
8. *Can you please provide a breakdown of the savings from co-locating the Kabul embassy?*
9. *Has a risks assessment of associated risk with the co-location of Australia's embassies with Britain in both locations been conducted?*
10. *Has any advice on heightened risk from co-location with the British been sought by the Ministers office?*
  - a. *Has any advice been prepared by the department even if it hasn't been sought?*

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### **Answer**

1. DFAT is currently working on the development of a three year Consular Strategy. The Consular Strategy is a consultative process to engage the Australian public and key stakeholders in developing measures to ensure the department can provide the most cost-effective consular services to those who need it the most. We expect to put recommendations arising from the Strategy process to the Minister for Foreign Affairs once complete.
2. The Commission of Audit is a recommendation to Government. Separately, DFAT is considering a range of options, such as cost recovery, as part of the Consular Strategy process, which is yet to be finalised.
3. At 30 June 2014, the department was providing assistance in 226 cases of Australians in prison overseas.
  - a. The Consular Strategy has included consideration of a range of policies and practices. Recommendations have not yet been made to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
4. In January 2014, Ms Bishop requested the development of a Consular Strategy. Some issues, including an examination of the approach of some countries, are being considered as part of the Consular Strategy. A range of options are under consideration including cost recovery.
  - a. Recommendations on this matter are being finalised it is expected that they will be submitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs once complete.
5. No.
  - a. n/a.
  - b. n/a.
6. No.
7. The full amount of savings will not be known until colocation has been achieved
8. No decisions have been taken for colocation in Kabul
9. A risk assessment for co-location with the British Embassy in Baghdad has been undertaken
- 10.No
  - a. General advice on the colocation proposal in Baghdad has been disseminated among operational areas of the Department.

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### **Question No 498**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations**

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**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

*In relation to the Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations*

1. *With reference to recommendation 33 in Phase 1 of the Commission of Audit report and the Government's response on 13 May 2014 that reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget, as they may affect EFIC:*
  - a) *Have any recommendations in relation to EFIC contained in the Commission of Audit Report been accepted or rejected by Government?*
  - b) *What does the statement that "reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget" mean? Has the Department been allocated any work following this recommendation insofar as it relates to the EFIC component?*
  - c) *What would the financial impact of the wind up of EFIC be to the bottom line?*
  - d) *Have any briefs been commissioned or delivered to the Minister's office outlining next steps in implementing the recommendation to abolish EFIC?*

### **Answer**

- a) The Government has rejected the Commission of Audit's recommendation to abolish Efic.
- b) In the 2014-15 Budget, the Government provided EFIC \$200 million in cash capital to ensure Australian exporters have access to the finance they need to grow their businesses internationally. The Government is still considering whether any further work is required with respect to Efic.
- c) Not applicable.

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d) Not applicable.

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**Question No 499**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Commission of Audit**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*In relation to the Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations*

1. *With reference to recommendation 33 in Phase 1 of the Commission of Audit report and the Government's response on 13 May 2014 that reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget, as they may affect the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG):*
  - a) *Can the Department advise how long the export market development grants have been in existence?*
  - b) *Is this program a successful grant program which supports small to medium exporting businesses?*
  - c) *Has the recommendation to abolish the export market development grants program been accepted or rejected by the Government?*
  - d) *What does the statement that "reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget" mean? Has the Department been allocated any work following this recommendation insofar as it relates to the EMDG component?*
  - e) *Have any briefs been commissioned by or delivered to the Minister's office outlining next steps in implementing the recommendation to cease funding to the Export Market Development Grants?*

**Answer**

Austrade has provided the following points in response to this question:

- a) The Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme has been in existence since 1974.

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- b) Since the EMDG scheme commenced it has been reviewed 14 times. The observation of the most recent Mortimer Review in 2008 was that the scheme had been helpful in introducing smaller Australian businesses and new exporters to the global market and could be considered both effective and efficient in supporting the development of Australia's exports.
- c) The Commission of Audit's recommendation to abolish the EMDG scheme is subject to the consideration of reforms to assistance to exporters following the 2014–15 Budget, as stated in the Government's response of 13 May 2014.
- d) The meaning of the statement that 'reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014–15 Budget' is a matter for the Government. The Department has not been asked to undertake work in relation to the EMDG component of this recommendation.
- e) No such briefs have been commissioned from the Department.



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### **Question No 500**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

*In relation to the Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations*

1. *With reference to recommendation 33 in Phase 1 of the Commission of Audit report and the Government's response on 13 May 2014 that reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget, as they may affect the Asian Business Engagement Plan (ABEP):*
  - a) *Has the Department received any feedback from businesses about the success of this ABEP program? If so, please outline.*
  - b) *Has this recommendation been accepted or rejected by the Government?*
  - c) *What does the statement that "reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget" mean? Has the Department been allocated any work following this recommendation insofar as it relates to the ABEP component?*
  - d) *Have any briefs been commissioned or delivered to the Minister's office outlining next steps in implementing the recommendation to cease funding to Asian Business Engagement Plan?*

### **Answer**

Austrade has provided the following points in response to this question:

- a) Australian member-based business organisations awarded grants under the ABE Plan have expressed broad support for the programme which aims to assist their efforts to expand business networks and build sustainable business links in Asia. Single year grant recipients from the inaugural 2013-14 grant round are currently submitting their final

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reports. Austrade will review these reports to gauge the outcomes and success of the programme.

- b) The Commission of Audit's recommendation regarding the ABE Plan programme is subject to the consideration of reforms to assistance to exporters following the 2014–15 Budget, as stated in the Government's response of 13 May 2014.
- c) The meaning of the statement that 'reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014–15 Budget' is a matter for the Government. The Department has not been asked to undertake work in relation to the ABE Plan component of this recommendation.
- d) No such briefs have been commissioned from the Department.

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**Question No 501**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*In relation to the Commission of Audit Trade Recommendations*

1. *With reference to recommendation 33 in Phase 1 of the Commission of Audit report and the Government's response on 13 May 2014 that reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget, as they may affect the reduction of activities of Austrade:*
  - a) *Have these recommendations been accepted or rejected by the Government?*
  - b) *What does the statement that "reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget" mean? Has the Department been allocated any work following this recommendation insofar as it relates to the Austrade component?*
  - c) *What would the impact of a reduction of activities in Austrade mean for exporters?*
  - d) *Have any briefs been commissioned by or delivered to the Minister's office outlining next steps in implementing these recommendations to significantly reduce the activities of Austrade and move their remaining functions into DFAT?*

**Answer**

Austrade has provided the following points in response to this question:

- a) The Commission of Audit's recommendation is subject to the consideration of reforms to assistance to exporters following the 2014-15 Budget, as stated in the Government's response of 13 May 2014.

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- b) The meaning of the statement that ‘reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014–15 Budget’ is a matter for the Government. The Department has not been asked to undertake work in relation to the Austrade component of this recommendation. It is noted that the Budget allocated additional funding to Austrade for tourism initiatives along with an extra \$2 million to run Australia Week in China in 2016.
- c) The impact of reduction of Austrade’s activities on exporters would depend on the nature and extent of any such reductions.
- d) No such briefs have been commissioned from the Department.

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**Question No 502**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade Negotiations - General Approach**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to Trade Negotiations / General Approach*

**1. How many trade negotiations are currently active? Please detail.**

Ten negotiations are currently active. These negotiations are: Australia-China FTA; Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER Plus); Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Agreement (CECA); Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA); WTO Post Bali Work Program (Doha Round); Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA); the Information Technology Agreement (ITA); and the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA).

**1a. Does the Department have the resources to effectively undertake these negotiations?**

Yes.

**2. Are any trade negotiations currently suspended or in non-active mode?**

In March 2014, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers approved a conditional resumption of its free trade negotiations, after the GCC suspended talks with its various negotiating partners in 2009. Australia has made representations to the GCC for the early resumption of Australia-GCC Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

**3. What is the proposed or projected finalisation of agreements under negotiation?**

It is difficult to project when negotiations will be finalised for any trade agreement given the number of factors influencing the negotiating schedule.

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- 4. *Of the various trade negotiations currently on foot, are there common negotiation approaches, themes and/or desired outcomes ? If so, please describe.***

Each negotiation is unique. Our negotiating approach is aimed at lowering trade barriers and securing improved access for Australian industry and investors in the market of the country/countries we are negotiating with.

- 5. *What are the areas of highest priorities for Australia in general across all trade negotiations? (eg, priority on multilaterals over bilaterals (or vice versa); focus on agriculture, services, investment, etc?)***

In 2013-14, the Government accorded priority to progressing bilateral FTA negotiations with our North Asian trading partners. In December 2013 and April 2014 respectively Australia concluded FTAs with South Korea and Japan. Negotiators are currently working towards concluding the negotiations with China as soon as practicable. The Government is also committed to progressing regional and plurilateral negotiations, and is currently negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER Plus). The Government is also working to achieve outcomes in multilateral negotiations. A package of outcomes was agreed at the 9<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali in December 2013, including the Agreement on Trade Facilitation. The Government is committed to negotiating and expanding other plurilateral agreements under the auspices of the WTO, including the Information Technology Agreement, the Government Procurement Agreement, and the Environmental Goods Agreement. In each negotiation the Government strives to achieve the best possible outcome overall across the range of sectors and interests under negotiation.

- 6. *What have been the key changes in priorities under the new Government?***

There is bipartisan agreement for the general direction of Australian trade policy. The key difference is the emphasis placed on FTAs, including the objective of concluding the three North Asia bilateral FTAs early in the government's term . A key priority is to attract foreign investment in our globally competitive industries, as well as attracting investment on new infrastructure, particularly in Northern Australia. Focus is on sectors where Australia is globally competitive, including

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agri-food, tourism, education, medical and scientific innovation, and energy and resources.

**7. *What funds have been expended on each of the current international trade negotiations over the 2013/14 financial year; and what is the budgeted spend over the next 12 months from 1 July 2014?***

Total costs for 2013/14 financial year, including travel costs and the cost of hosting negotiations in Australia:

Trans-Pacific Partnership - \$1,109,362.50

Trade in Services Agreement - \$251,436.34

WTO Doha Round negotiations - \$49,833.72

Information Technology Agreement - \$13,113.47

PACER Plus - \$235,000

Environmental Goods Agreement – No costs incurred in 2013/14 as first negotiation occurred in July 2014.

Korea: \$296,779

Japan: \$345,972

China: \$208,127

Indonesia: \$18,642

India: Nil

Regional Comprehensive Economic Agreement (RCEP): \$805,960

The forward schedule of negotiations depends on the progress of each of the negotiations. The schedule of meetings for the next 12 months is unclear at this stage. Consequently, the budgeted spend for the next 12 months cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty.

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**Question No 503**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Transparency Issues**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to Transparency issues*

*Has the Department or the Minister received any public petitions calling for greater transparency in trade negotiations? If so, please describe? What response was provided? Please provide a copy.*

**Answer**

The Minister and the Department have received correspondence requesting that the Government release the draft Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating text. The Government's response to such requests is that while draft TPP negotiating texts are not public documents (as is standard practice with the negotiation of international treaties), DFAT is taking every opportunity to ensure that stakeholders are adequately consulted and able to express their views. There will be an opportunity for public and Parliamentary scrutiny prior to any agreement being ratified through a review by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, in accordance with Australia's treaty-making processes.



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**Question No 504**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: DFAT Website**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the new DFAT website*

*On 27 May 2014, Trade Minister Robb announced the launch of a new website “which explores Australia’s trade with the world”<sup>1</sup>. The site is within the DFAT website, with a message on DFAT’s home page announcing a “New website showcases Australia’s trade with the world”.*

- 1. Who commissioned the website development?*
- 2. Who developed the website?*
- 3. Who maintains the website?*
- 4. What is the cost of this website development and maintenance?*
- 5. Who is the targeted audience?*

*How many unique page views to date from site visitors in Australia and site visitors from other countries respectively?*

**Answer**

1. DFAT
2. DFAT, together with an external provider.
3. DFAT
4. Total cost of website development, as paid to external provider, was \$14,720.
5. The general Australian public, especially business and students; governments and business sectors of our major trading partners and APEC and G20 member economies; and other international economic and trade bodies (WTO, OECD, WEF, etc.).

As at 27 June, 2,145 unique visitors to the website had been recorded, 83 per cent of which visited from Australia.

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release: [http://www.trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar\\_mr\\_140527.aspx](http://www.trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar_mr_140527.aspx); “New” website: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/australias-trade-at-a-glance/g20.html>

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: KAFTA**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *With reference to the Korea – Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA)*

- (a) *Please provide further information on the KAFTA treaty implementation process in Korea:*
  - i. *How is DFAT monitoring progress in Korea on its domestic treaty implementation process?*
  - ii. *Please detail the treaty signing and implementation process in Korea, including estimated dates?*
  - iii. *How far has KAFTA progressed in this process? Ie, at what stage is it?*
  - iv. *Are there any statutory timelines?*
  - v. *Are there any hurdles or obstacles? If so, please outline.*
- (b) *With reference to DFAT's answer to Question on Notice No. 313(i) & (k) from the Additional Estimates 2014 that "1,745 jobs would be created in the first year after KAFTA's entry into force (2015). In 2030, 950, jobs would be created."*
  - i. *How many jobs will be created, year by year, between 2015 and 2030? Please detail, or , if not calculated, please explain why not?*
  - ii. *How many jobs will be lost as a result of KAFTA? In which states and sectors?*

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**Answer**

1. (a)i. DFAT is monitoring the progress of domestic implementation processes for KAFTA through the Embassy in Seoul.
- ii. The treaty has already been signed by both Australia and Korea; signature by the Minister for Trade and Investment, Mr Robb, and his South Korean counterpart took place on 8 April 2014, during Prime Minister Abbott's visit to Seoul.

Korea's domestic implementation processes require the completion of an economic impact study. The economic study will then be submitted with KAFTA to the National Assembly for consideration, along with any additional legislative changes and any proposals for compensation or adjustment assistance. KAFTA is then expected to be considered by one of the National Assembly standing committees, before a vote is taken on KAFTA by the National Assembly as a whole. Any necessary legislation will likely be considered as part of a package with KAFTA.

The economic impact study is expected to be completed shortly, with a view to KAFTA being introduced into the National Assembly in September. Like Australia, the ROK is working towards entry into force of KAFTA before the end of this year. To achieve this, there would need to be an exchange of notes signifying the completion of necessary domestic processes, before the end of November, allowing entry into force 30 days later.

- iii. The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) is preparing its economic impact study ahead of submission of the treaty to the National Assembly.
- iv. There are no statutory timelines in the Korean domestic treaty process.
- v. No, other than that National Assembly approval cannot be taken for granted.

(b) i. The Centre for International Economics (CIE) report of 28 February 2014, updating the report of 29 November 2013 and referenced in DFAT's responses to Questions 62, 63, 324 and 327 of questions taken on notice at the February 2014 Senate Estimates hearing, does not provide a full outline of anticipated year by year employment impacts, apart from the two figures provided for 2015 and 2030. However, Chart 4.2 on page 13 of the report provides a graphical summary of estimated annual changes to Australian employment as a result of KAFTA.

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ii. The employment impacts estimated by CIE are net figures; and indicates net gains overall, not losses. CIE did not calculate or report specifically the number of jobs expected to be lost. Table A.4 on page 22 of the report provides a percentage anticipated change (both positive and negative) in employment by sector. The summary of expected impacts on States and Territories provided in Table 4.4 indicate for example that NSW and Victoria are expected to see net employment rise by 710 and 490 jobs respectively in 2030.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Japan - Japan Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *With reference to the Japan Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA)*

- a) *How many meetings relating to JAEPA negotiations have there been between representatives of both countries in the past 3 months?*
  - i. *Who were the representatives?*
  - ii. *Were there any changes in key representatives?*
  - iii. *Were there any special envoys? If so, how were members of each envoy selected?*
  - iv. *Where were the meetings conducted?*
  - v. *What were the costs of these meetings?*
  - vi.
- b) *Did Japan's TPP Affairs Committee Chairman, Koya Nishikawa, visit Australia shortly before Prime Minister Abbott's visit to Tokyo?*
  - i. *If so, what was the purpose of his visit?*
  - ii. *Who from the Government met with him?*
- c) *Has a date been set for the formal signing of the Agreement? If so, when and where?*
- d) *Please provide further information on the JAEPA treaty implementation process in Japan:*
  - i. *How is DFAT monitoring progress in Japan on its domestic treaty implementation process?*
  - ii. *Please detail the treaty signing and implementation process in Japan, including estimated dates?*
  - iii. *How far has JAEPA progressed in this process? I.e., at what stage is it?*
  - iv. *Are there any statutory timelines?*

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- v. Are there any hurdles or obstacles? If so, please outline.*
- e) Please describe how the ISDS review clause operates?*
- f) Does JAEPA have a Most Favoured Nation provision?*
  - i. If not, please explain and provide details of the scope and operation of the review clauses.*
  - ii. Will there be a time lag in implementing an MFN change compared to a review clause triggered change?*
  - iii. Is there uncertainty in the review clause mechanism?*
- g) Are all remaining Australian tariff barriers removed under the agreement for Japanese imports? If not, what remains?*
- h) How many Japanese tariff lines remain for Australian exports to Japan? What is the range of tariffs and types of goods?*
- i) How many jobs will be created and lost as a result of the implementation of JAEPA?*
- j) In the absence of any economic analysis of benefits, how does the Department assess the economic value of the final agreement?*

### Answer

- (a) There have been frequent exchanges between Australian and Japanese negotiators in the past three months (March – June 2014), including discussions in person as well as by email and telephone.*
- i. Negotiators have included senior officials on both sides from a range of agencies reflecting the breadth of issues involved in the EPA. Australia's Lead Negotiator is DFAT's Assistant Secretary, North Asia Goods Branch from the Free Trade Agreement Division, with support from a range of officials in DFAT and other agencies.*
- ii. Key negotiators have not changed.*
- iii. There have not been any special envoys.*
- iv. In the past three months (March – June 2014), meetings have been conducted in both Japan (Tokyo) and Australia (Canberra and Sydney).*
- v. Travel and associated costs for the meetings held in Sydney, Canberra and Tokyo (for the three month period) were \$195,553 (exclusive of GST).*
- (b) Yes, Koya Nishikawa visited Australia in March 2014.*

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- i. The Australian Government used Koya Nishikawa's visit to support negotiations of the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement.
- ii. Prime Minister Tony Abbott, the Minister for Trade and Investment Andrew Robb and the Minister for Agriculture Barnaby Joyce.
- (c) The Agreement was signed on 8 July 2014 at Parliament House in Canberra.
- (d) i. DFAT is holding regular discussions with relevant Japanese officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is responsible for overseeing treaty implementation processes. The Australian Embassy in Tokyo will monitor the progress of relevant legislation in the Diet after it is introduced.
- ii. In Japan, after a treaty is signed, a Cabinet decision is required to introduce the treaty into the Diet for consideration there. After such consideration, if the Diet formally approves conclusion of the treaty, diplomatic notes are then exchanged to allow entry into force.
- iii. JAEPA was signed by Prime Minister Abe on 8 July. The next step will be for Cabinet to make a formal decision to submit the treaty to the Diet. Japanese officials have advised JAEPA is expected to be introduced into the Diet in the next Diet session, which is traditionally held in the fourth quarter of the year.
- iv. There are no statutory timelines applying to the implementation of treaties.
- v. There are no specific hurdles or obstacles other than the amount of other legislation that must be considered by the Diet. Prioritisation of bills before the Diet is a matter for the government of the day.
- (e) JAEPA does not include an ISDS mechanism. The Investment Chapter has an article which provides for a review of the Chapter with a view to the possible improvement of the investment environment. Under this review, the Parties may consider establishment of an ISDS mechanism but there is no obligation to do so. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, this review will commence five years after the entry into force of JAEPA. The article also provides that the Parties will conduct such a review if, after entry into force of JAEPA, Australia enters into another agreement which includes an ISDS mechanism that applies to Australia, with a view to establishing an equivalent mechanism under JAEPA.
- (f) i. There are broad Most Favoured Nation (MFN) provisions on services and investment in JAEPA. These guarantee that if Japan subsequently gives another partner a better deal across a wide range of sectors, Australian service providers and investors will get the same access.

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In relation to goods there are also a series of strong review/renegotiation mechanisms that protect Australia and offer pathways for further liberalisation.

The review provisions include –

- . a “General Review” on the implementation and operation of the agreement to be held in the sixth year following entry into force or at any time agreed by the parties, unless the parties otherwise agree.
  - . a specific review on priority agriculture products for Australia, including beef, wheat, barley, sugar and key dairy products, in the fifth year following entry into force of the agreement, or earlier if agreed by the parties. The review provisions specify the review will proceed “with a view to improving market access conditions”.
  - . a specific review on the same priority agriculture products triggered if a competitor secures preferential access “with a view to providing equivalent treatment” to Australia. The review would commence within three months of the competitor gaining preferential access.
  - . a review on the special safeguard measures on fresh and frozen beef in the tenth year following entry into force of the agreement, or earlier if agreed by both parties, “with a view to improving market access” including through considering increasing the safeguard trigger levels or removing the safeguards entirely.
  - . renegotiation of market access outcomes on 204 tariff lines, representing 1.3% of Australia’s current trade, on which Japan did not agree to tariff elimination or reduction, five years following entry into force of the agreement.
  - . a review of the investment chapter (details provided above in 506e).
  - . a series of mechanisms under the sub-committees established in the agreement, including allowing for review of non-tariff measures and on improving the origin certification system.
- ii. The time frame for implementing any changes, whether they arise through either MFN provisions or review provisions, depends on the nature of the change. In some cases amendments to the treaty might be required.
- iii. Procedures for the range of review mechanisms, including timing and triggers, are set out clearly in the agreement.
- (g) All Australian tariffs on Japanese goods will be removed within eight years except for the \$12,000 specific tariff on used vehicles.
- (h) A limited number of products identified by Japan as most sensitive, including rice, fresh milk, low polarity sugar, shiitake mushrooms, sake and certain fur skin products, received no tariff concessions under JAEPA. These



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sensitive lines account for around 2.5 per cent of Japan's imports from Australia (2013). The duty rates in these lines range up to a tariff equivalent rate of around 1,706 per cent (for Konjac also known as Konnyaku – Australia does not currently export to Japan). Japan has also excluded sensitive products from their previous EPAs, meaning Australian exporters will not be disadvantaged in relation to their competitors by the exclusion of these products from JAEPA.

(i) The Government has not undertaken, or commissioned, modelling on how many jobs could be created by JAEPA. Expanded liberalisation of trade with Japan – the world's third-largest economy and Australia's second-largest trading partner and export market– will support Australia's economy. This has been demonstrated by the initial feasibility study undertaken in 2006 and industries' own analysis. For example, Meat and Livestock Australia estimates that JAEPA will account for sales of Australian beef to Japan over the next 20 years to rise by \$5.5 billion. Japan's agricultural system is very complex and the Government decided it did not need to go into the fine gradations of modelling the system and impacts of the changes to it on Australian exporters. Reductions of our own trade barriers are also an economic benefit for Australia.

(j) JAEPA is by far the most ambitious trade deal that Japan has ever done, particularly in agriculture. More than 97 per cent of Australia's exports to Japan will receive preferential access or enter duty-free when the Agreement is fully implemented. It features rapid tariff reduction for our largest agriculture export beef, worth \$1.4 billion, and strong outcomes across horticulture, wine and seafood. All current resources, energy and manufacturing exports will enter Japan duty-free on full implementation. Crucially Australia is the first major exporter nation to secure an economic partnership agreement with Japan, meaning Australian exporters will enjoy an advantage over competitors. It guarantees Australian service suppliers broad access to the Japanese market. It supports investment in Australia through a more favourable Foreign Investment Review Board screening threshold and provides greater certainty for investors both ways.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: China - FTA negotiations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*1. With reference to the China – Australia Free Trade Agreement Negotiations*

- a) Please provide information on the negotiation meetings on this agreement this year:
  - i. How many meetings have been held?*
  - ii. Where were the meetings held and who attended?*
  - iii. What is the cost of these meetings to date?*
  - iv. What future meetings are scheduled? Where, when and who will attend, and what is the budgeted costs?**
- b) Is there any recent economic modelling or projections relating to the negotiated positions in the China-Australia FTA? If so, what are the results? If not, will the final agreement be assessed by economic modelling or other measure? Please provide details.*
- c) What are the sensitive industry sectors under consideration for China and Australia respectively?*
- d) Are labour mobility provisions, or similar, being considered in the FTA? If so, please outline.*
- e) Will there be an Investor State Dispute Settlement provision in the FTA? If so, please explain.*

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- f) *In relation to Agricultural aspects of this FTA*
- i. *What are the existing tariff levels for Australia's top 10 main agricultural exports to China?*
  - ii. *Who are Australia's main agricultural product competitors in China now and over the next decade?*
  - iii. *Do competitive countries have more favourable tariff, quota or non-tariff market access to China? If so, please describe.*
  - iv. *What type of tariff, quota and non-tariff barrier concessions are Australia's main agricultural sectors seeking in a China-Australia agreement?*
  - v. *The Australian Dairy Industry Council has welcomed progress on the Australia-China FTA and hopes it will achieve a goal of a "New Zealand-plus deal for Australian dairy food into China".*
    - o *Is this the same goal the Department is seeking? If not, what is the difference?*
    - o *What would a "New Zealand-plus deal" look like for Australian dairy industry?*
  - vi. *What are the main non-tariff barriers in China for the agricultural industry?*
  - vii. *What types of non-tariff barriers are being discussed in relation to the China-Aust FTA?*
  - viii. *What types of non-tariff barriers exist here in Australia that restrict export opportunities?*
  - ix. *What are the differences or issues around sanitary standards for pork processing between Australia and China?*
  - x. *Are there other sanitary or phytosanitary differences or issues that may affect other Australian export products? If so, please outline.*
- g) *How may the China-Korea and the China-Japan-Korea arrangements impact on trade opportunities for Australia?*

*In relation to non-FTA trade promotion activities in China:*

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2. *We note from a recent 2014 International Business Survey Report, the lack of an FTA with China was not regarded by businesses as a significant barrier to business. The largest barriers related to market information – especially local culture and regulations. In addition, 73% regard China as more/much more difficult to do business in than Australia. Despite this, the strong growth prospects in China are the predominant reason why companies are targeting China for future business.*
- a) Are any of these market barriers being addressed in the FTA negotiations? If so, provide details.*
  - b) What is AusTrade doing to support Australian businesses overcome these market barriers? Are these support efforts effective? How are they assessed?*
3. *We also note that in the past decade, Australia's share of China's food imports have reportedly halved.*
- a) Could the Department or Austrade explain why?*
  - b) What plan does the Department or AusTrade have in place to reverse this trend and support Australian food exporters?*

**Answer**

1 a) i. In 2014 four negotiation meetings have been held on the China-Australia FTA

ii. Meetings were held in Beijing and in Canberra. Meetings were attended by officials on both sides of the negotiations.

iii. The departmental costs for the four meetings was \$142,184.60.

iv. We plan to schedule a series of meetings over coming months (in both Australia and Beijing), but location and dates have not been finalised. While we do not know the final costs of future meetings, the department endeavours to keep costs to an efficient minimum.

b) The Government has not undertaken, or commissioned, modelling relating to the negotiating positions in the China-Australia FTA. Expanded liberalisation of trade with China – Australia's largest trading partner and the world's second-largest economy– will support Australia's economy.

China purchases almost a third of our exports and is our largest export market for agriculture, resources and services. Without an FTA, the competitiveness of our

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exporters in their largest market is not assured. China has signed FTAs with competitors such as New Zealand and Chile giving them preferential access to the Chinese market. China is also negotiating or considering other trade agreements with several of our other important trading partners (Korea, Japan and India).

c) Sensitive and difficult issues remain subject to negotiation across all key areas including goods, services, movement of natural persons and investment. Australia continues to pursue commercially-focused outcomes across all industries and sectors. Similarly, China's requests are focussed on its interests in Australia. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

d) Issues related to Movement of Natural Persons, which includes temporary entry for skilled personnel and professionals, is one of the areas under negotiation and is a priority for China in these negotiations. The Government's position is not to comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

e) It is not the Department's position to comment on specific requests made and positions taken within negotiations, as this might prejudice the outcome of negotiations.

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f) i Australia is currently subject to China's World Trade Organization (WTO) most-favoured nation (MFN) tariffs, which are set out in its WTO schedules. China also has tariff rate quotas on some imports, which offer concessional tariffs on set volumes of wool, cotton, wheat and other products (under tariff rate quotas). The schedules are detailed, such that a single commodity (for example, dairy) will comprise a number of individual products with different tariffs. The following table shows the MFN rate and, as appropriate, tariff rate applied for in quota imports, for the most valuable product lines in each of Australia's top-10 agriculture exports to China.

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>China's Tariff</b>
Wool	38% MFN, in quota rate - 1%
Cotton	40% MFN (variable), in quota rate - 1%
Hides and skins	5% - bovine 7% - ovine
Beef	12-25%
Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	9% - canola 15% - cotton seeds
Barley	3%
Meat (excluding beef)	12-23% (sheep and goats).
Wheat	65% MFN, in quota rate - 1%
Other cereals	2% (sorghum and oats)
Milk, cream, whey and yoghurt	6% - whey 10% - concentrated milk or cream, butter, yoghurt 12% - most cheese 15% - fresh milk or cream and blue cheese

ii China's main source of imports for Australia's top-10 agriculture exports to China are set out in the following table. The results are based on 2013 trade statistics. It is difficult to forecast how China's trade policy and import volumes will change over the next decade, subject as they are to political, economic and climactic uncertainties.

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Top exporters to China</b>
Wool (not carded or combed)	Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Uruguay and the United Kingdom.
Cotton (not carded or combed)	United States, India, Australia, Uzbekistan and Brazil.
Hides and skins	United States, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa
Beef	Australia, Uruguay, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina
Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits (Canola and cotton seeds)	Canada, Australia, Mongolia, Pakistan
Barley	Australia, Canada, France, Argentina, Denmark

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Meat (sheep and goat)	New Zealand, Australia, Uruguay
Wheat	United States, Canada, Australia, France, Kazakhstan
Other cereals (sorghum, oats)	Australia, United States
Milk, cream, whey and yoghurt	New Zealand, United States, France, Australia, Germany

iii China has FTAs with countries including New Zealand, Switzerland, Iceland, Chile and the ASEAN economies, providing preferential access to the Chinese market. Of the countries that have an FTA with China, New Zealand is the most direct competitor with Australia particularly on agricultural exports – wool, beef, sheep meat and dairy products. China is eliminating its tariffs on imports from New Zealand of beef and sheep meat and dairy products (subject to a various safeguard measures), and has given New Zealand a country-specific duty free tariff quota for wool.

iv Australian industries across agriculture are seeking improved access to the Chinese market through greater trade liberalisation. The Government is pushing for outcomes across the board but the Government's position is to not comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

v. The Government is pursuing commercially-focused outcomes across all industries. An FTA is especially important for our agricultural exporters, such as dairy, who are facing a disadvantage due to preferential trade deals China has already struck. The Government's position is to not comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

It is difficult to compare possible dairy outcomes for Australia and the outcomes New Zealand achieved given the different make-up and priorities of the Australian and New Zealand industries. The Government is seeking the strongest possible outcome on dairy in close consultation with the industry. The Government's position is to not comment on specific aspects of negotiations as this could adversely affect negotiations with China and/or other negotiating partners.

vi The *Australia-China Free Trade Agreement Joint Feasibility Study* identified a range of non-tariff barriers facing Australian exports to China, including:

- sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
- technical regulations and standards and conformance as they apply to agricultural products;
- customs administration, valuation and port clearance;
- transparency of administration and appeal and dispute resolution;
- import licensing registration procedures;
- state/provincial administrative arrangements; and
- state trading.

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vii Issues related to technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and customs procedures and trade facilitation are being discussed in the negotiations.

viii Domestic economic policy arrangements that may impact on the competitiveness of Australian exporters are the responsibility of domestic economic agencies including the Department of Industry, Department of Agriculture, Treasury and a range of other agencies depending on the particular sector.

ix The Department of Agriculture has the lead on product specific sanitary and phytosanitary issues. The Department of Agriculture has advised the differences between the sanitary standards for pork processing between Australian and China have not been compared. Australia does not have access for pork to China and would have to agree the sanitary requirements for pork processing to meet China's requirements as part of the technical market access negotiations.

x The Department of Agriculture has the lead on product specific sanitary and phytosanitary issues. The Department of Agriculture negotiates market access protocols with trading partners on specific products, which includes the sanitary or phytosanitary requirements of the importing country, before exports can commence.

h) Negotiations for a China-Korea FTA are ongoing and the trilateral agreement with Korea and Japan is at a very early stage. It is not possible to assess the potential implications of these agreements for Australia. In general terms, Australia would likely benefit from the improved economic growth associated with greater liberalisation of trade between North Asian countries.

2. There are many barriers to doing business in China. Access to and understanding of market information and regulations, and an ability to operate in the local business culture are high on the list. Austrade manages a network of 11 offices with 70 staff in China to assist Australian companies to better understand the market, provide advice on how to operate in the local business culture, and identify specific business opportunities. The Austrade China team maintains an extensive Chinese customer network in order to stay abreast of local business trends and identify trade and investment opportunities, and convey these to capable Australian suppliers.

One example of this work is Austrade's efforts to assist Australian exporters to access the rapidly expanding and complex on-line retail sector. In 2013-14, Austrade conducted pilot promotional programmes with online platforms including Yihaodian and JD.com, achieving increased market understanding and sales outcomes for Australian products. The Yihaodian promotion featured more than 400 Australian products including famous brands such as Devondale, Blackmores and Leggo's; and brands new to China, including Beechworth Honey, Cripps Newbake and Jonesy's Farm Milk. These and other promotional activities are assessed chiefly by the sales outcomes achieved by Australian companies, and also by in-market promotional value and increased market understanding.



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Austrade also works with Australian companies on individual business opportunities. We work with architecture, design and property management companies to introduce new projects across China. One recent success was the Australian company, RayGen Resources which has signed a \$60 million investment and distribution deal to supply its cutting-edge solar power generation technology to China's ZhuoZhou Intense Solar.

Australia's market share of China's total food imports has been between 3–4 per cent over the last decade. There have been recent downward trends in market share for some food products compared to other food exporting nations such as Indonesia, New Zealand and France. The reasons for this are complex and involve a number of factors including market access issues, changes in competing markets, exchange rates, the diversity of Australia's food export trade and promotion by other countries. New Zealand for example is focusing on building dairy exports to China. China remains Australia's 3rd largest export market for food and beverage and the biggest in terms of groceries. China is also Australia's 7th biggest export market for fresh produce.

The US and EU enjoy a competitive advantage over Australia in supplying many products in the food & beverage sector. Market experience and economies of scale in these countries allow lower pricing. However, Australian products, particularly meat and dairy, are perceived as clean, wholesome and safe. While there is an opportunity to further leverage this reputation to Australian food production more generally, Australian suppliers are tending to position themselves in the premium and gourmet market rather than trying to compete with lower-priced products.

Australia's major food and beverage exports into China are dairy, meat, wine, cereals, oils and fats, baked goods, and beverages. A number of categories are actually showing strong growth by volume and value. These include, meat, oilseeds, chocolates, cereals, fruits, nuts and gums. In the case of meat, exports to China grew 371 per cent in 12 months to the end of 2013 and China now accounts for 17 per cent of Australia's total red meat exports. China has also emerged as Australia's fastest growing market for dairy exports.

3. Austrade is working to ensure that Australian industry is aware of opportunities in China, and is assisting Australian companies to develop strategies to approach the challenging Chinese market.

Austrade supports food and beverage exporters, focusing where Australia has a sustainable competitive advantage and where Australian companies can compete on quality and value rather than price. We aim to reinforce Australia's world renowned credentials for clean, green, ethical and safe foods to maximise the impact of international promotions and market development activities. Together with industry partners, we are building and entrenching Australia's reputation as a "Premium" food producer.

Austrade has a program of initiatives promoting Australia's competitive strengths in food products and technologies, underpinned by the recognition of the

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Australian food brand. These initiatives are targeting segments that match closely with Australian capability in – red meat, wine, dairy, bakery and milling; confectionary and snackfoods; fats and oils; prepared soups/meals/desserts; ready to drink beverages; and condiments/ingredients. We do this by providing commercial opportunities, market insights and promotions, aimed at the retail, foodservice (hotels, restaurants and catering), and online channels. These services are of greatest value to food exporters who develop products and marketing tailored to consumer tastes and preferences as well as those who make a long term commitment to key export markets. Our initiatives can be summarised as getting more Australian food and beverages - on the shelf, on the menu and online.

Austrade's premium food and beverage export positioning also increasingly links to inbound tourism promotion, either for particular regions or promoting Restaurant Australia as a dining and wine destination.

In China, Austrade is working with peak food industry bodies, state and territory governments and individual enterprises to:

- increase the number of branded Australian food and products available in retail stores and through online channels,
- increase consumer recognition of the Australian food brand,
- expand sales of value-added Australian food and beverage into second tier cities,
- improve the volume, prices and customer retention in the food service channel by educating consumers about the desirable qualities of Australian food,
- channel new buyer enquiries to Australian suppliers,
- channel investment enquiries to state and territory governments; and
- promote Australia as a preferred technology provider in the modernisation of Chinese agriculture.

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**Question No 508**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement - (IA-CEPA)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *With reference to the Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership (IA-CEPA))*
  - a) *In the answer to the Additional Estimates 2014 Question on Notice No.130 the Department advised that the next round of negotiations on this agreement have not been scheduled at this stage.Is there a further update in status? If so, please describe. If not, why not?*
  - b) *How many personnel are undertaking work related to this agreement?*
  - c) *How has the deterioration in diplomatic relations between Australia and Indonesia affected trade between the countries?*
  - d) *What is the trade growth outlook between Australia and Indonesia?*
  - e) *Has there been any change to our trade relationship with Indonesia this year? If so, please describe.*

**Answer**

1. (a) The next round of Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA CEPA) negotiations has not been scheduled at this stage. The Indonesian election process has affected the pace of IA-CEPA negotiations. We do not expect to formally reengage until after the inauguration of the new Indonesian president and formation of the cabinet (October 2014).

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- b) The Department is currently deploying minimal resources to the IA-CEPA, but this will increase as we reengage in negotiations after October 2014.
- c) Australia and Indonesia have a strong cooperative agenda across a wide range of common interests and challenges, including trade. The relationship is broader than any one single issue. Our trade relationship with Indonesia is strong.
- d) We expect trade between Australia and Indonesia will be broadly on trend, with continued economic growth and development in Indonesia providing trade opportunities for Australia. Negotiation of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement aims to boost two-way trade and investment.
- e) Our trade with Indonesia remains significant. Two-way merchandise trade with Indonesia between January and May 2014 was valued at \$4.83 billion. Two-way merchandise trade for the same period in 2013 was valued at \$4.18 billion. (Note exclusions by the Australian Bureau of Statistics of data on commercially confidential export items may understate 2014 figures).

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**Question No 509**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership negotiations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

1. *With reference to the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership negotiations*
  - a) *In answer to the Additional Estimates written question on notice number 144, the Department advised that “once India’s general elections (April-May) are completed, we will look to schedule the next round, likely to occur in the second half of 2014”.*
    - i. *Please provide an update on the developments and schedule as they relate to these negotiations.*
    - ii. *What is India’s new administration’s policy approach to international trade, particularly in relation to trade with Australia?*
  - b) *How many personnel are undertaking work related to trade issues with India, including on this agreement?*

**Answer**

1 a) i) Since the Indian general elections, the Minister for Trade and Investment, Mr Andrew Robb, and DFAT have engaged with the newly elected Indian Government on the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations. The Minister has raised CECA with his newly appointed counterpart, Ms Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Commerce and Industry. The Australian High Commissioner in New Delhi has also spoken with Minister Sitharaman on CECA.

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At this stage, a schedule for the negotiations has not been finalised. Minister Sitharaman has advised the Indian Government is reviewing its position across its FTA negotiations. The timing and outcome of the review will guide the development of a negotiating schedule.

1 a) ii) The new Indian Government was elected on a platform of economic revival, which will include a focus on increasing foreign investment, particularly on infrastructure, and improving the domestic business environment. Given the recent appointment of Ministers and the review of FTA negotiations, the new Indian administration's policy approach to international trade is still evolving. The Indian Government continues to be positively predisposed to continuing to strengthen relations with Australia.

1 b) The CECA negotiations are part of the responsibilities of the Free Trade Agreement Division (FTD) of DFAT. The various components of the negotiations (including goods market access, services and investment and other related issues) are divided by subject area to officers across the Division responsible for the North Asia FTAs. These officers are also responsible for progressing the bilateral trade negotiations/implementation with China, Japan and Korea. There is a separate geographic area responsible for broader India-related issues in DFAT.

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**Question No 510**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Negotiations*

1. *The 4th round of negotiation on the Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation agreement in Canberra on 10-12 February 2014:*
  - a) *Who attended?*
  - b) *What were the outcomes?*
  - c) *What are the next steps?*
  - d) *What was the cost of this round?*
  - e) *When is the agreement anticipated to be finalised?*
  - f) *Are the public being consulted on this agreement?*
  - g) *When will the agreement be made public?*
2. *Where on DFAT's website or other publically accessible site can information on this nuclear cooperation matter found? Who updates the information? How current is it? If not readily available, why not?*
3. *In answer to the Additional Estimates written question on notice number 145, the Department advised that no modelling had been undertaken relating to the benefits of this agreement.*
  - a) *On what basis is the economic benefits of the agreement are determined? Please detail.*
  - b) *How are non-economic benefits and risks determined and assessed? Please detail.*

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- c) *How are negotiators advised on this agreement? Is there any public consultation?*

#### **Answer**

1a) Negotiations were led for Australia by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office. Representatives from other interested agencies also attended including the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Industry and the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency. India's delegation included representatives from India's Ministry of External Affairs, India's Department of Atomic Energy and the Indian High Commission in Canberra.

1b) Negotiators have been working constructively with the aim of concluding an agreement as soon as possible, consistent with Australia's requirements for robust safeguards and accountability. A number of issues were explored in depth, to gain a better understand of each other's position. It would be prejudicial to the negotiations to disclose any information on outcomes.

1c) A fifth round of negotiations was held in India in May 2014.

1d) The fourth round was conducted at the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Costs totaling \$579.51 were incurred by Australia for the provision of refreshments, lunch and stationery items.

1e) The Government attaches priority to moving forward on these negotiations, but there is no set deadline for them to be concluded.

1f) Members of the public are able to make written submissions when the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties considers the agreement once it has been tabled in Parliament.

1g) The text of the agreement will be made public following its signature.

2) Details of the negotiations are not made public as they could be prejudicial to its conduct. That said, information on the negotiations has been provided in the annual reports of both the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office, which can be found on the DFAT website.

3a) India has new nuclear reactors under construction, the completion of which (around 2020) will nearly double its nuclear power generation capacity. India aims to provide 25% of its energy from nuclear power by 2050. Australian uranium suppliers are well-placed to take advantage of this significant new market.



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3b) The Government assesses a range of risks and benefits, both economic and non-economic, for each of its nuclear cooperation agreements taking into account advice and other input provided by all relevant Australian Government agencies.

3c) Input from all relevant Australian Government agencies guides Australia's negotiators. In relation to public consultation, see the response to question 1(f).

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### Question No 511

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Australia-Gulf Cooperation Council**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### Question

*With reference to the Australia-Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement negotiations*

- 1. Please describe current status of these negotiations?*
- 2. What is the status of export trade to countries within the Gulf Cooperation Council?*
- 3. How has it grown over the past year?*
- 4. What are the growth opportunities moving forward?*

### Answer

1. After a 5 year suspension of all FTA negotiations the **Gulf Cooperation Council** announced in March 2014 that it would resume negotiations of FTAs but did not specify with which countries or when. Since that time the Government has made concerted representations to the GCC seeking that Australia be considered a priority country for an early resumption of FTA negotiations.
2. Australia's merchandise two-way trade with GCC countries was A\$12.3 billion in 2013 with exports valued at close to A\$7 billion in 2013.
  - Major exports in 2013 included passenger motor vehicles (PMVs) (A\$1.4 billion); wheat and barley (A\$845 million); fresh, chilled or frozen meat (A\$664 million); and dairy products (A\$148 million). Alumina exports are also significant (data is confidential in Australian Bureau of Statistics trade data).
  - Australia's services exports were valued at A\$1.2 billion in 2012-13 and included education, transport, and other business services (such as architecture and engineering, and legal services).

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3. Merchandise exports to the GCC have continued to grow by 7 per cent annually since 2009 (when FTA negotiations were suspended by the GCC), and were valued at close to A\$7 billion in 2013. According to official ABS data, exports in 2013 grew by some 28 percent compared to the previous year. However, this figure is impacted by changes in ABS confidentiality provisions and actual growth could be a little lower.
4. The GCC is one of the wealthiest country groupings in the world with a combined GDP of over US\$1.6 trillion, and offers growth opportunities for Australian companies in many sectors, including services, infrastructure construction, water and waste management, chemical and mineral processing, as well as further opportunities in food and agriculture.

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### **Question No 512**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: PACER Plus**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

*With reference to the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) Plus negotiations*

- a) In relation to the response to Additional Estimates written Question on Notice no.143, the Department advised that Australia “would welcome Fiji accepting the offer to participate in the PACER Plus negotiations and the Forum Trade Ministers’ meetings”.*
  - i. What was Fiji’s response to this offer, and the reasons provided for their response?*
- b) Who attended the 2014 Pacific Island Forum Trade Officials’ and Ministers’ meeting held in Kiribati on 27-28 May 2014?*
  - i. What was the department cost of these meetings?*
  - ii. What were the main discussion points and outcomes of these meetings?*
- c) Were further inter-sessional negotiating meetings held since end of May 2014?*
  - i. If so, when, when and who attended?*
  - ii. What was the cost of these meetings?*
  - iii. What were the meeting outcomes?*
- d) Will any of the budget cuts affect the UNDP anti-corruption work in the Pacific?*
  - i. If so how and what will be the impact on trade economies for the region?*

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**Answer**

**a) In relation to the response to Additional Estimates written Question on Notice no.143, the Department advised that Australia “would welcome Fiji accepting the offer to participate in the PACER Plus negotiations and the Forum Trade Ministers’ meetings”.**

**i. What was Fiji’s response to this offer, and the reasons provided for their response?**

*Fiji has not responded, as of mid-July 2014, to the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders’ invitation to participate in Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers’ meetings and PACER Plus negotiations.*

**b) Who attended the 2014 Pacific Island Forum Trade Officials’ and Ministers’ meeting held in Kiribati on 27-28 May 2014?**

*Attendees at the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Officials’ and Ministers’ meetings held in Kiribati on 28 May 2014 comprised representatives from: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. New Caledonia was also present at these two meetings as an observer. Also present at the meeting were representatives from the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser and Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. The Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon. Brett Mason, led Australia’s delegation participating in the 2014 Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers’ meeting.*

**i. What was the department cost of these meetings?**

*The travel expenditure associated with Suva and Canberra based DFAT officials participating in the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Officials’ and Ministers’ meetings is currently estimated to be approximately \$31 000. However, as not all commercial flight bookings for these DFAT officials were utilised, refunds for unutilized flight bookings are being pursued with the relevant airline companies. When these refunds are provided, the cost estimate will be considerably less than the figure cited.*

**ii. What were the main discussion points and outcomes of these meetings?**

*The agreed outcomes document from the 2014 Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers’ meeting (which also reflect outcomes from the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Officials’ meeting) can be found here: <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/pages.cfm/economic-governance/forum-trade-ministers-meeting-ftmm/>*

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**c) *Were further inter-sessional negotiating meetings held since end of May 2014?***

**i. *If so, when, when and who attended?***

*A PACER Plus inter-sessional negotiating meeting was held in Adelaide from 10-12 June 2014. Officials from Pacific Islands Forum member countries, including Australian officials, participated in this inter-sessional negotiating meeting, as well as representatives from the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser.*

**ii. *What was the cost of these meetings?***

*The estimated total cost of this meeting to the DFAT budget is approximately \$ 49300. This cost estimate includes components for DFAT officials' travel costs and DFAT's share of the cost for convening the negotiating meeting. This meeting was organised by the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser and the total cost of convening the meeting: includes the provision of travel and accommodation for Pacific Island countries' participants; and is shared between DFAT, New Zealand and the European Union.*

**iii. *What were the meeting outcomes?***

*The meeting made progress on a range of negotiating issues, including issues relating to: trade in goods, trade in services, investment, legal and institutional provisions, labour mobility, and development assistance.*

**d) *Will any of the budget cuts affect the UNDP anti-corruption work in the Pacific?***

**i. *If so how and what will be the impact on trade economies for the region?***

*The budget reallocation has had no impact on funding to the UNDP Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption project.*

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**Question No 513**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Israel**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to trade and business opportunities with Israel*

- 1. What assistance did the Department, AusTrade and/or the Government provide to Woodside Petroleum on its Leviathan gas project bid?*
- 2. How many Australian jobs would have been created if Woodside Petroleum participated in this project?*

**Answer**

1. The Australian Government indicated support for the deal, as part of a general approach to promoting trade and investment with Israel and other countries. The Department provided diplomatic support to Woodside.
2. The project was not finalised and therefore this information is not available.

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**Question No 514**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Iran**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to trade with Iran*

- 1. What is the current trade program with Iran?*
- 2. Please explain the current and future growth of livestock export trade to Australia?*
- 3. How are sanitary measures and animal welfare standards being complied with?*

**Answer**

- A. There is no trade promotion program with respect to Iran.
- B. The Department is not aware of any Iranian livestock exports to Australia.
- C. Not applicable.



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**Question No 515**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trans Pacific Partnership**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations*

1. *Please provide a status update on the progress of negotiations.*
2. *What is the status of drafting of each of the chapters?*
3. *In the 19-20 May 2014 Singapore TPP meetings, Trade Minister Robb chaired a major investment roundtable:*
  - a) *What was the topic or topics on the agenda for this roundtable?*
  - b) *Who attended this roundtable?*
  - c) *What outcomes were achieved?*
  - d) *Who accompanied Minister Robb at the Singapore TPP meetings?*
  - e) *What is the Department costs associated with this meeting?*
4. *It has been reported that US farm groups have called to exclude Japan from the TPP negotiations in order to finalise the agreement this year.*  
[\[http://www.thestar.com.my/Business/Business-News/2014/05/29/US-farm-groups-seek-to-exclude-Japan-from-TPP-talks/\]](http://www.thestar.com.my/Business/Business-News/2014/05/29/US-farm-groups-seek-to-exclude-Japan-from-TPP-talks/)
  - a) *Has this option to progress TPP without Japan received any traction?*
  - b) *Would Australia support a move to exclude Japan from the TPP in order to complete the deal in the near future?*
  - c) *What implications would this have for regional trade?*

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5. *Are any additional countries considering joining the TPP? What impact will that have on the process of negotiations?*
6. *What TPP related meetings are scheduled? Where, when and at what cost?*
7. *In response to prior Additional Estimates written Question on Notice No.146 regarding the TPP, the Department advised that DFAT “officials are available to provide regular public briefings on the status of the negotiations”.*
  - a) *Can you provide further details on these DFAT public briefings held on the TPP negotiations?*
  - b) *Where, when, who requested, costs, outcomes, etc.?*
  - c) *Which community, business and government organisations were invited to attend, and which groups did attend?*
  - d) *What is the process of establishing, advertising and hosting such public briefings? Please detail.*
  - e) *What future public briefings are planned?*

*With respect to most countries involved in TPP negotiations receiving increased public calls for transparency:*

8. *Has this issue been discussed by negotiators as a step to increase the prospects of public support and domestic implementation of a final agreement? What is being done in this area?*

### **Answer**

1. Negotiations are at an advanced stage and only the most difficult issues remain. TPP Ministers met in Singapore from 19-20 May 2014, following an officials-level meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 12-18 May. Ministers directed negotiators to intensify their engagement, particularly on market access and rules of origin. Negotiators met in Ottawa, Canada, from 3-12 July 2014 to discuss these issues, as well as intellectual property, investment, state-owned enterprises and a range of other issues.
2. Negotiations on the following chapters are finalised: Cooperation and Capacity Building, Competitiveness and Business Facilitation, Development, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Regulatory Coherence, Administration and Trade Facilitation and Telecommunications. The status of the remaining chapters

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range from those chapters with only one or two outstanding issues to chapters that require further discussion on a number of issues.

3.

- a) On 19 May 2014 the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore hosted a lunchtime investor briefing at the Residence to discuss investment opportunities in Australia. Mr Robb delivered a presentation during the briefing. This was a bilateral investment briefing and did not form part of the TPP Ministerial Meeting being held at the same time.
- b) The High Commissioner (as host), Mr Robb and his adviser, and Singapore-based representatives of seven private equity fund managers.
- c) The briefing highlighted the positive climate towards investment in Australia and identified investment opportunities in a range of sectors, including agribusiness, tourism, resources and energy, and services.
- d) The Australian delegation to the TPP Ministerial Meeting was as follows:
  - Ms Jan Adams – Deputy Secretary
  - Adviser, Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment
  - Mr Chris De Cure – First Assistant Secretary
  - Ms Elizabeth Ward – Assistant Secretary
  - TPP Legal Counsel
  - Lead Negotiator, Intellectual Property
  - Lead Negotiator, Investment
  - Lead Negotiator, Cross-Border Trade in Services
  - Negotiator, Goods Market Access
- e) DFAT has estimated the departmental costs, including airfares, accommodation and travel allowance, associated with Australia's participation in the TPP Ministerial Meeting at approximately \$15,000.

4.

- a) There has been no proposal to exclude Japan from the TPP.
- b) No.
- c) See response to 4(b). Japan's economy is the second-largest of the TPP countries. Its participation in the TPP significantly expands the size of the TPP market and creates further opportunities for regional integration.

5. A number of economies (including the Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan) have signalled their interest in TPP membership; only Korea has made a formal expression of interest. Admission of new TPP members requires a consensus of the current negotiating parties. We do not currently expect any new members to join before the agreement is concluded.

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6. A TPP Chief Negotiators' meeting was held in Ottawa, Canada, from 3-12 July. DFAT has estimated the costs to Australian Government agencies, including airfares, accommodation and travel allowance, associated with Australia's participation at approximately \$175,000. The date and location of the next negotiating meeting are not yet confirmed.
7.
  - a) DFAT holds regular stakeholder consultations on the TPP in state capitals. These consultations are open to businesses, civil society and interested members of the public. Senior TPP negotiators attend the briefings and provide information on the progress of TPP negotiations. Negotiators are also available to answer follow-up questions after the briefing session via email or teleconference.
  - b) The most recent consultations were held in Melbourne (26 March 2014) and Sydney (27 March 2014). DFAT initiated the consultations by sending invitations to stakeholders and advertising on its website. DFAT has estimated the costs associated with these consultations at approximately \$3,250.
  - c) DFAT sent invitations to all stakeholders in its consultation database, which includes over 450 individuals and organisations that have indicated interest in the TPP. 85 people, including representatives from 76 organisations, attended the consultations.
  - d) DFAT maintains and regularly updates a stakeholder database with contact details for individuals and organisations that have previously expressed interest in the TPP. Invitations are sent to these stakeholders. The consultations are also publically advertised on the DFAT website. Consultations in each state capital are usually hosted at the DFAT State Office in that city.
  - e) DFAT plans to hold further consultations in capital cities outside Sydney and Melbourne; however, no dates have yet been set for these briefings.
8. Under the TPP confidentiality undertaking, TPP texts cannot be released without the agreement of all parties. Parties are currently discussing the timing of the release of TPP texts, and have created a dedicated group to take carriage of the issue.

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**Question No 516**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership - Negotiations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations*

- 1. Please provide a status update on the progress of negotiations.*
- 2. What is the status of drafting of each of the chapters?*
- 3. In the 4th round of negotiations in Nanning on 31 March to 4 April 2014:*
  - a) Who attended?*
  - b) What outcomes were achieved?*
  - c) What was the Department costs associated with this meeting?*
  - d) What next steps were put in place?*
- 4. Please provide an update on the 5th round in Singapore scheduled for end June 2014:*
  - a) Who attended?*
  - b) What outcomes were achieved?*
  - c) What was the Department costs associated with this meeting?*
  - d) What next steps were put in place?*

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5. *What RCEP related meetings are scheduled? Where, when and at what cost?*
6. *Are there key differences in content/substance between the current drafts of TPP and RCEP? If so, please outline/describe.*

#### **Answer**

1. Singapore hosted the fifth round of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations on 21-27 June 2014. As the fifth round was the last before the RCEP Ministerial meeting in August, negotiations were focused on key issues for RCEP Ministers' consideration and guidance, including on the scope of the RCEP agreement and the level of ambition for negotiations on tariffs, services and investment.

2. RCEP participating countries have started discussion on possible elements of chapters in the negotiating groups on goods, rules of origin (ROO), customs procedures and trade facilitation (CPTF), sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards, technical regulation and conformity assessment procedures, services, investment, economic and technical cooperation, intellectual property and competition. Discussion on draft text for possible chapters on investment, services, ROO and CPTF has commenced.

3a The Australian delegation for the fourth RCEP round was comprised of 23 officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (17), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (1), Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (1), the Department of Agriculture (1), the Department of Industry (2) and IP Australia (1).

b Reflecting the broadening agenda, negotiators agreed to establish three new negotiating groups on legal and institutional issues, sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, and standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures to meet for the first time at the fifth round in Singapore.

c The departmental costs associated with the fourth RCEP round were \$135,226.

d After the fourth round, RCEP participating countries were focused on narrowing the number of issues for the RCEP Ministers meeting to address in August. Australia sought to gain support for its negotiating priorities, especially

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regarding threshold issues on tariff modalities and scheduling of services and investment commitments.

4 a The Australian delegation for the fifth RCEP round was comprised of 21 officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (14), the Attorney General's Department (1), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (1), Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (1), the Department of Agriculture (1), the Department of Industry (2) and IP Australia (1).

b Negotiators narrowed the range of outstanding issues for possible Ministerial consideration.

c The departmental costs associated with the fifth RCEP meeting were \$104,626.74

d RCEP participating countries are preparing for the RCEP Ministers meeting in Burma in late August.

5. The next RCEP related meeting is the RCEP Ministerial meeting in Burma, late August. India will host the sixth RCEP round in December 2014. Intersessional meetings have been scheduled for the economic and technical cooperation negotiating group in September 2014 and services and investment negotiating groups in October 2014. While we do not know the final costs of future meetings, we endeavour to keep costs to an efficient minimum.

6. RCEP and the TPP present complementary and viable pathways to the realisation of a free trade area of the Asia-Pacific. Both RCEP and TPP are significant regional initiatives which provide competitive pressure to raise levels of ambition to deliver outcomes that underpin an open and integrated region.

We are not able to disclose details of the draft TPP or RCEP text as these are still under negotiation.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: FTAs - Asia Pacific (FTAAP) negotiations**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### Question

Write question here in ***bold italics***.

With reference to the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) negotiations

1. Please provide a status update on:
  - a) the progress of an agreed roadmap or other basis of negotiation on this agreement;
  - b) next scheduled meeting;
  - c) allocated Department resources;
  - d) Department priority level of these negotiations.

2. What will be the impact of a completed TPP or RCEP on this agreement?

3. With reference to the joint Trade Ministerial Statement from the May APEC meeting in Qingdao, specifically: ([http://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Ministerial-Statements/Trade/2014\\_trade.aspx](http://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Ministerial-Statements/Trade/2014_trade.aspx))

*“In order to translate the FTAAP from a vision to reality, we agree the establishment of a new Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) Friends of the Chair Group on Strengthening REI and Advancing FTAAP, to kick off and advance the process in a comprehensive and systematic manner towards the eventual realization of an FTAAP.”*

- a) Who will chair this new Committee?
  - b) What is the membership of this new Committee?
  - c) What are the details of scheduled meetings for this Committee (when, where, attendance, cost)?
  - d) What role will Australia have in this new Committee and in the advancement of FTAAP in general?
4. What RCEP related meetings are scheduled? Where, when and at what cost?



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#### **Answer**

1.a) At the Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting in Qingdao, 17-18 May 2014, Ministers agreed to advance work towards an FTAAP in a step-by-step approach. Officials were instructed to finalise by November 2014 a 'Roadmap for APEC's contribution to the realisation of an FTAAP' and to: intensify efforts on enhancing transparency among regional FTAs/RTAs; strengthen capacity-building activities; and enhance the 'analytical work' of an FTAAP.

b) The next scheduled meeting to discuss the Roadmap will be at the Third Senior Officials Meeting (SOM 3) in Beijing on 20-21 August 2014.

c) DFAT Officers will be involved in these discussions.

d) Commencing the actual negotiations on an FTAAP is currently only prospective. The agreement at MRT in Qingdao was to take concrete steps towards the realisation of the FTAAP.

2. The TPP and the RCEP negotiations are significant initiatives that will help shape economic integration in the region. Once completed, these Agreements could provide a basis on which to build an FTAAP.

3.a) China and the United States are Co-chairs of the Friends of the Chair Group on Strengthening Regional Economic Integration (REI) and Advancing FTAAP.

b) The Friends of the Chair group on Strengthening REI and Advancing FTAAP is comprised of interested APEC member economies. At the last meeting in the margins of the Second Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM 2) in Qingdao in May 2014, all APEC members were represented.

c) The next meeting of the Friends of the Chair Group will take place in the margins of the Third Committee on Trade and Investment meeting for 2014 in Beijing in the lead up to SOM 3.

d) We support China's efforts during its 2014 APEC host year to add impetus to realisation of an FTAAP. Concrete actions to advance an FTAAP will help to bolster APEC's trade and investment liberalisation agenda. Australia is leading work to advance the new APEC information-sharing mechanism which aims to encourage take-up of WTO-plus outcomes and approaches in member economy FTAs and promote comprehensive, high quality FTAs as building blocks to an eventual FTAAP.

4. The next RCEP related meeting is the RCEP Ministerial meeting in Burma, late August. India will host the sixth RCEP round in December 2014. Intersessional meetings have been scheduled for the economic and technical cooperation negotiating group in September 2014 and services and investment negotiating groups in October 2014. Whilst we do not know the final costs of future meetings, we endeavour to keep costs to an efficient minimum.

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**Question No 518**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade in Services Agreement**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) negotiations*

- 1. With reference to Australia's chair of the TiSA negotiations rounds in Geneva from 28 April – 2 May 2014, please provide:*
  - a) A status update from these rounds, including outcomes;*
  - b) Who attended this round; and what were the costs associated with this round?*
- 2. With reference to the public consultations held by DFAT on the TiSA in Perth on 29 May 2014 and in Adelaide on 30 May 2014:*
  - a) please detail the process relating to holding these consultations, including notifications, invitations, speakers and topics;*
  - b) please provide an overview of the primary concerns and issues raised and discussed in these forums;*
  - c) please outline program, timelines and invitees for any scheduled public consultations.*
- 3. Who will be attending the next round of negotiations in Geneva from 23-27 July 2014? What are the budgeted costs? What are the key agenda items and areas to progress at this round?*
- 4. As Australia is jointly leading the TiSA negotiations, what have been Australia's key leadership initiatives and the results of such initiatives?*

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5. *How does TiSA fit with the various chapters on trade in services in FTAs on foot and under negotiation? Are there differences? If so, what are they and how are they handled?*
6. *Is there an update on the anticipated conclusion date?*
7. *What domestic reforms will be required as a result of entering TISA as it is currently drafted?*
8. *What domestic reforms could Australia independently adopt to enhance trade in services?*

#### **Answer**

**1. With reference to Australia's chair of the TiSA negotiations rounds in Geneva from 28 April – 2 May 2014, please provide:**

**a) A status update from these rounds, including outcomes;**

At the April/May TiSA round good progress was made advancing discussions on new and enhanced disciplines (trade rules) including for financial services, domestic regulation and transparency, e-commerce and telecommunications, and maritime transport. TiSA parties also agreed to move to a negotiating text for air transport.

**b) Who attended this round; and what were the costs associated with this round?**

Australia's representatives at the TiSA negotiations in Geneva from 28 April-2 May 2014 were:

Mr Hamish McCormick, Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Geneva

Ms Helen Stylianou, Assistant Secretary, Services and WTO Trade Policy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Caroline McCarthy, Counsellor, Australian Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization, Geneva

Ms Deanna Easton, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Melissa Fransen, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Ms Hilary McGeachy, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Maria Vu, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The travel and associated costs for the delegation to participate in the April/May round of TiSA negotiations was \$49,336.

### **2. *With reference to the public consultations held by DFAT on TiSA in Perth on 29 May 2014 and in Adelaide on 30 May 2014:***

#### ***a) Please detail the process relating to holding these consultations, including notifications, invitations, speakers and topics;***

Details of the public consultations in Perth on 29 May and Adelaide on 30 May were advertised on DFAT's TiSA website, DFAT's e-newsletter 'Trade Talk' and via DFAT's Twitter account. An email invitation was sent to stakeholders who have expressed an interest in being notified of TiSA public consultations. An invitation was also emailed by DFAT's Perth and Adelaide state offices to stakeholders in their respective states.

Two officials represented the Department at the public consultations in Perth on 29 May and Adelaide on 30 May 2014. The purpose of the consultations was to provide an update on the TiSA negotiations and to seek input from stakeholders.

#### ***b) Please provide an overview of the primary concerns and issues raised and discussed in these forums;***

The primary issues discussed at the Perth and Adelaide public consultations were: Australia's objectives in the TiSA; membership of the TiSA; relationship between the TiSA and other free trade agreements under negotiation; structure of the TiSA and relationship with the World Trade Organization General Agreement on Trade in Services.

#### ***c) Please outline program, timelines and invitees for any scheduled public consultations.***

There are no public consultations scheduled at present.

### **3. *Who will be attending the next round of negotiations in Geneva from 23-27 June 2014? What are the budgeted costs? What are the key agenda items and areas to progress at this round?***

Australia's representatives at the TiSA negotiations in Geneva from 23-27 June 2014 were:

Mr Hamish McCormick, Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Geneva

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Ms Caroline McCarthy, Counsellor, Australian Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization, Geneva

Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Deanna Easton, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Melissa Fransen, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Hilary McGeachy, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms Maria Vu, Executive Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The budget for the June round of TiSA negotiations was \$47,000.

The June TiSA round focused on advancing the new and enhanced disciplines for e-commerce and telecommunications, financial services, professional services, domestic regulation and transparency, air and maritime transport and temporary entry of business persons.

#### ***4. As Australia is jointly leading the TiSA negotiations, what have been Australia's key leadership initiatives and the results of such initiatives?***

Australia, and the United States, initiated the exploratory discussions in 2012 with a subset of WTO Members that resulted in the agreement in early 2013 to commence the TiSA negotiations. Australia also played a key role in designing the structure of the agreement and encouraging the inclusion of new and enhanced disciplines, including in areas where there has been significant progress since the Uruguay Round, such as e-commerce, telecommunications and financial services. As a co-chair Australia is leading efforts to maintain momentum in the negotiations and increase the level of ambition committed to by TiSA parties. Australia has tabled a high quality market access offer, which has put Australia in a good position to encourage other TiSA parties to improve their offers to a similar standard.

#### ***5. How does TiSA fit with the various chapters on trade in services in FTAs on foot and under negotiation? Are there differences? If so, what are they and how are they handled?***

Australian positions in the TiSA are based on Australian positions in previous trade negotiations. The TiSA negotiations are still at an early stage, but we expect Australia's position will be similar in approach to Australia's other FTAs.

#### ***6. Is there an update on the anticipated conclusion date?***

No.

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***7. What domestic reforms will be required as a result of entering TiSA as it is currently drafted?***

Australia has not offered commitments that would require changes to Australian policy or regulatory settings.

***8. What domestic reforms could Australia independently adopt to enhance trade in services?***

Australia has one of the most liberal services markets of all TiSA parties. Our objective in the TiSA negotiations is to leverage Australia's already open services markets so that Australian business can benefit from the same treatment overseas that Australia already provides to foreign companies.

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### **Question No 519**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade and Investment Agreements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

*With reference to Trade and Investment Agreements in Force*

- 1. How many staff are involved in the monitoring and operational elements of the various trade and investment agreements in force?*
- 2. What reporting data is collected on agreements in force?*
- 3. What measures are taken to ensure compliance and/or address non-compliance?*
- 4. How does the Department assess the effectiveness of agreements in force? If potential improvements are learned during the operational stage, are these potential improvements taken into account by the negotiating teams on new agreements? If so, how? If not, why not?*
- 5. Have any agreements expired or are about to expire?*
- 6. Have any agreements been renewed or amended? If so, provide details.*

### **Answers**

1. A broad range of staff in Canberra in those divisions dedicated to pursuing trade-related objectives, geographic divisions, and overseas posts, as well as in Austrade, are engaged, as part of their overall roles, in the monitoring and operational elements of trade and investment agreements in force.
2. Information is collected as part of the implementation of each Free Trade Agreement (FTA) across a range of subjects. Under each FTA there are reporting mechanisms ranging from regular Ministerial consultations to implementation committees. The Department monitors Australian and international trade and

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investment statistics for the countries with which we have trade and investment agreements. In addition, the WTO regularly conducts detailed reviews of concluded FTAs as part of its ongoing monitoring role, across a range of its committees. For example, later this year, the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements will examine the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA and the Malaysia-Australia FTA.

3. The Department, including overseas posts, supports implementation of, and compliance with, trade and investment agreements through monitoring these agreements and through regular interactions with business. In cases of possible non-compliance by another party to a trade or investment agreement, the Department considers appropriate measures on a case-by-case basis, including consultation and dispute settlement mechanisms. No disputes under FTAs have been taken to date.

4. The Department assesses the effectiveness of trade and investment agreements in force through the implementation mechanisms of existing FTAs, and through its ongoing monitoring of the economic relationships covered by existing trade and investment agreements. Potential improvements to trade and investment agreements in force are taken into account by negotiating teams in the development of negotiating positions for new agreements. Negotiators for new agreements look to improve existing access for Australian exporters. Both the negotiations on the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership involve parties with which Australia already has FTAs, and in these cases, negotiators carefully consider what potential improvements can be achieved.

5. FTAs do not have an expiry date. Australia's existing Investment Protection and Promotion Agreements (IPPAs) remain in force indefinitely unless terminated in accordance with their provisions, or at any time by mutual agreement. The Chile IPPA was terminated on 6 March 2009 pursuant to the Australia-Chile FTA.

6. Three FTAs have been amended since they were signed: the Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement with New Zealand, the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement and the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement. None of Australia's IPPAs has been amended. Regarding renewal of FTAs and IPPAs, see question 5 above.



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### **Question No 520**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade Disputes**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

### **Questions**

*With reference to Trade Disputes:*

- 1. Please provide a status update (since the commencement of this year ) on the various WTO disputes that Australia is party to.*
- 2. Please provide a status update (since the commencement of this year) on the international arbitration ISDS related claims Australia is a party to.*
- 3. Have there been any side talks or settlement discussions?*

### **Answers**

**1. Please provide a status update (since the commencement of this year) on the various WTO disputes that Australia is party to.**

A. Australia is a respondent in five separate WTO disputes in relation to Australia's tobacco plain packaging measure. The WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established dispute settlement panels at the requests of Ukraine (on 28 September 2012), Honduras (on 25 September 2013), Indonesia (on 26 March 2014), the Dominican Republic (on 25 April 2014) and Cuba (on 25 April 2014). A large number of WTO Members (41 in total) have joined the disputes as a third party.

Panelists for the disputes were appointed by the WTO Director-General on 5 May 2014. The same three panelists have been appointed to hear each of the five related disputes. The Chairperson of the Panel is Mr Alexander Erwin of South Africa. The other panelists are Professor François Dessemontet of Switzerland and Dame Billie Miller of Barbados. The Panel issued the timetable and working procedures for the panel proceedings in June 2014.

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B. Australia is participating as a third party in the following disputes:

At the stage of consultations:

- A) *Indonesia — Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (Complainant: US, New Zealand) – DS455, DS465, DS466.
- B) *Indonesia — Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (Complainant: New Zealand, US) - DS477, DS478.  
Consultations were held on 19 June 2014.
- C) *Indonesia — Recourse to Article 22.2 of the DSU in the US - Clove Cigarettes dispute* (Complainant: EU) – DS481. Australia has made a request to join the consultations. We are awaiting the outcome of this request.

At the stage of Panel proceedings:

- D) *Argentina — Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* (Complainant: EU, Japan, US) - DS438, DS445, DS444. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the Panel Report.
- E) *India — Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products from the United States* (Complainant: US) - DS430. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the Panel Report.
- F) *United States — Measures Affecting the Importation of Animals, Meat and Other Animal Products from Argentina* (Complainant: Argentina) - DS447. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the Panel Report.
- G) *United States — Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India* (Complainant: India) - DS436. The Panel Report was circulated on 14 July 2014.
- H) *United States — Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from China* (Complainant: China) - DS437. The Panel Report was circulated on 14 July 2014.
- I) *Ukraine — Definitive safeguard measures on certain passenger cars* (Complainant: Japan) - DS468. Australia has reserved its Third Party rights and the Panel has been composed.
- J) *Argentina — Measures relating to trade in goods and services* (Complainant: Panama) - DS453. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the Panel Report.

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- K) *EU — Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Argentina* (Complainant: Argentina) - DS473. Australia has reserved its Third Party rights and the Panel has been composed.

#### At the stage of Appellate Body proceedings:

- L) *China — Measures Related to the Exportation of Rare Earths, Tungsten and Molybdenum* (Complainant: US, EU, Japan) - DS433, DS432, DS431. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the Appellate Body Report.

#### At the stage of compliance proceedings

- M) *European Communities and Certain Member States — Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft* (Complainant: US) - DS316 (Airbus). We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the compliance Panel Report.
- N) *United States — Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft — Second Complaint* (Complainant: EU) - DS353 (Boeing). We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the compliance Panel Report.
- O) *United States — Certain Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) requirements* (Complainant: Canada, Mexico) - DS384, DS386. We are monitoring this dispute for issuance of the compliance Panel Report.
- P) *United States — Measures concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products* (Complainant: Mexico) - DS381. Australia has reserved its third party rights. The compliance Panel hearing will take place in August 2014.

### **2. Please provide a status update (since the commencement of this year) on the international arbitration ISDS related claims Australia is a party to.**

A. Australia is the respondent to an investor-State dispute on tobacco plain packaging, brought by Philip Morris Asia under the Australia-Hong Kong Bilateral Investment Treaty. The Attorney-General's Department, in close collaboration with DFAT and the Department of Health, has the lead on the preparation of Australia's defence in that dispute.

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A hearing on whether to bifurcate the proceedings—that is, whether to separate the arbitration proceedings into a preliminary jurisdictional phase and a subsequent merits phase—was held in Toronto on 20 and 21 February 2014. Australia argued in favour of bifurcation, to allow its three preliminary objections to be heard prior to arguments on the merits. On 14 April 2014 the Tribunal handed down its decision, finding in favour of the bifurcation of two of Australia's three preliminary objections. A hearing on Australia's two preliminary objections will be held in Singapore in February 2015.

Procedural Orders 1 – 9, issued by the Tribunal, have been published on the website of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and can also be accessed through a link on the Attorney-General's Department website.

Questions related to the litigation should be directed to the Attorney-General's Department.

#### ***3. Have there been any side talks or settlement discussions?***

A. There have been no settlement discussions in relation to the WTO disputes on tobacco plain packaging.

B. The Attorney-General's Department, in close collaboration with DFAT and the Department of Health, has the lead on the preparation of Australia's defence to the investor-State dispute on tobacco plain packaging, brought by Philip Morris Asia under the Australia-Hong Kong Bilateral Investment Treaty. Questions related to that litigation should be directed to the Attorney-General's Department.

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**Question No 521**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: APEC**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to APEC Forums*

1. *With reference to China's chair of APEC for 2014 - please provide information on the role and direction of APEC under this chairmanship to date and as outlined for the rest of the year.*
2. *With reference to the APEC Women and the Economy Forum (WEF) in Beijing on the 21-23 May 2014:*
  - a) *Who attended? What was the gender balance?*
  - b) *What were the costs relating to this forum?*
  - c) *What was the agenda, main discussion points and key action outcomes?*
  - d) *How will the Department recommend that the measures recommended by the Forum be implemented or progressed in Australia?*
  - e) *With reference to Trade Minister Robb's press statement that "Recent changes to Australia's foreign aid program align closely with the forum's stated objectives, with resources directed towards increasing gender equality by promoting women's economic empowerment, supporting women's leadership and addressing violence against women and girls."*
    - i. *Please identify the relevant recent aid changes and their direct correlation to these stated objectives, especially economic empowerment.*

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3. *With reference to Trade Minister Robb's press statement on 16 May 2014, that:*

*"APEC has been a leader in trade facilitation and the faster and less costly movement of goods and services in the region would benefit Australian businesses.*

*To recognise this, Australia will contribute \$500,000 to APEC's capacity-building work to improve supply chain performance."* [http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar\\_mr\\_140516.aspx](http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar_mr_140516.aspx)

- a) *Please provide details of this \$500,000 contribution.*

### Answer

1) Australia has been collaborating closely with China in support of its three 2014 APEC host year priorities, namely: advancing regional economic integration, innovative development, economic reform and growth; and comprehensive connectivity and infrastructure development. We have supported China's efforts to add impetus to realisation of a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) through enhanced information sharing on FTAs/RTAs, capacity-building and analytical work. We have also supported China's priority of strengthening cooperation on global value chains (GVCs) by highlighting the importance of open and competitive services markets for efficient GVCs. We are also advancing Australia's core priorities in APEC, including services liberalisation, structural reform, infrastructure investment, cross-border education cooperation and faster and less costly movement of goods, services and business persons. As the 2014 G20 host, Australia is also working closely with China to develop coherence between the APEC and G20 agendas.

2.a) All Australian delegates to the WEF were women. The delegation comprised:

- Natasha Stott Despoja, Ambassador for Women and Girls, Head of Delegation
- Frances Adamson, Ambassador to China
- Joanne Lovejoy, APEC Counsellor, Australian Embassy, Beijing
- Mairi Steele, Assistant Secretary, Office for Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Penelope Howarth, Executive Officer, APEC Branch DFAT
- Cynthia Balogh, National Program Manager at Women in Global Business, Austrade
- Lynette Mayne, Owner and Executive Chair, Work Wear World
- Joanna Hayter, CEO at International Women's Development Agency

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- Vijaya Nagarajan, Gender expert in the Private Sector Development Team, the Asian Development Bank, Macquarie University
- Mina Guli, Chief Executive Officer of Thirst

2.b) The travel and accommodation expenses of the four Canberra-based officials were \$21,842. Australian private sector and non-government delegates participated at their own expense.

2.c) The core elements of the WEF agenda were the High Level Policy Dialogue, the Public Private Dialogue, and the Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy. Delegates also participated in two side events - a seminar on Women, Business and Smart Technology and a seminar on Women in Business Community – and at a photo exhibition. The delegation conducted an active program of formal and informal bilateral discussions with China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, PNG and the United States. Ambassador Stott Despoja discussed women's empowerment, domestic violence and child protection issues in China with senior representatives from the Supreme People's Court, the All China Women's Federation, CCTV and the Beijing Youth Legal Aid and Research Centre at a dinner hosted by Australia's Ambassador to Beijing on 21 May.

At the High Level Policy Dialogue, Ambassador Stott Despoja underscored Australia's commitment to advance women's trade and economic prosperity in the region, and specifically, to encourage mainstreaming of gender considerations across all APEC fora and programs. Ambassador Despoja announced that Australia would commence a project to build the capacity of APEC trade and promotion agencies to connect women's businesses to export markets. This program builds on the successful Women in Global Business program supported by Austrade and is being leveraged across departmental gender initiatives. Japan, Chinese Taipei, Korea, Russia and the United States also announced new APEC initiatives to promote women's economic empowerment.

The High Level Policy Dialogue resulted in an action-oriented APEC WEF Ministerial statement, which included strong language on integrating gender considerations in all APEC activities as a priority. It recommended specific actions under "Women and Green Development", "Women and Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation", and "Policy Support and Women's Economic Empowerment".

2.d) In line with the key recommendation of the forum, the Department has already adopted a policy to integrate gender considerations in all APEC activities. It is currently developing instructions for all Australian agencies that develop APEC projects to help them implement this policy.

2.e.i) On 18 June 2014, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs launched Australia's new development policy *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*. Within this, the Australian Government

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reaffirmed its strong commitment to being at the forefront of efforts to empower women and girls and promote gender equality in the Indo-Pacific area. Where there are persistent challenges and slow progress towards equality, the Australian Government confirmed that it would invest strongly in enhancing women's voice in decision-making, leadership and peace-building; women's economic empowerment and ending violence against women and girls. The Government identified gender equality and empowering women and girls as an investment priority within the new development policy and set a target requiring that at least 80 per cent of investments, regardless of their objectives, will effectively address gender issues in their implementation.

3.a) Australia is contributing \$500,00 to APEC's Supply-chain Connectivity Sub-fund. To date, the total amount of funds in the APEC Sub-fund on Supply Chain Connectivity is a little over \$US 2 million. Apart from Australia, contributors include the United States (\$US 1 million), Hong Kong (\$US 150,000), New Zealand (\$US 100,000), Chinese Taipei (\$US 200,000) and Singapore (\$US 100,000). The fund will be drawn on to deliver capacity building aimed at improving regional supply-chain performance which will also support implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.



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**Question No 522**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Australia Network**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to DFAT's contract with Australia Network*

- 1. What trade promotional activities (including promotion of Australian business, goods, services and tourism) did Australia Network contract or undertake to provide?*
- 2. What trade promotional activities did Australia Network undertake (directly or indirectly) since the start of its contract?*
- 3. What trade promotional activities will be cancelled or negatively affected as a result of the budget cut of Australia Network?*
- 4. What trade promotion activities are currently in development stages and/or were in the planning process prior to the recent Budget cut announcement?*
- 5. Are there early contract termination fees or damages (however described) and other financial impact relating to the early termination of the Australia Network contract? If so, provide details? Who will pay?*
- 6. How does the promotional activities of Australia Network compare with the promotional activities of Australia Week in China?*

**Answer**

1. None.
2. Only Australia Network related promotions.
3. None.
4. DFAT is not aware of plans by ABC for trade promotion under the Australia Network.

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5. Under the DFAT – ABC funding agreement, DFAT may terminate the agreement by giving 90 days' notice in writing to the ABC. The Australia Network service will cease operating on, or before, 18 September 2014.

The funding agreement provides for reimbursement to the ABC of amounts that have been legally committed for expenditure. The ABC's entitlement to recover amounts that have been legally committed for expenditure is subject to the appropriation of funds being made available to DFAT for that purpose.

DFAT was appropriated \$10.588 million in the 2014-15 Budget to cover costs of operating the Australia Network during the notice period and reimbursement to ABC for any monies that have been legally committed for expenditure.

6. Australia Network promotional activities are a matter for the ABC.

Australia Week in China was Australia's biggest ever offshore trade, investment, education and tourism promotion event, involving 720 individuals from more than 500 companies and organisations, fostering extensive people-to-people links and opportunities for new markets, tourism and business. Twenty commercial agreements were signed during Australia Week in China, involving 21 Chinese businesses, covering a broad spectrum of areas including dairy production, horticulture, infrastructure development, financial services, medical research. These deals will generate value in sales of approximately \$894 million, and \$57 million in direct foreign investment.

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**Question No 523**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial Trade and Investment Advisory Council**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to the Ministerial Trade and Investment Advisory Council*

*With reference to Trade Minister Robb announcement on 30 May 2014 of the establishment and membership of the Ministerial "Trade and Investment Policy Advisory Council" (TIPAC)<sup>1</sup>:*

- 1. What selection criteria were used to appoint 20 private sector representatives?*
- 2. Did the Department provide a shortlist? Did the Minister's office or any other office modify or contribute to this shortlist? If so provide details.*
- 3. What are the duration and other key terms of their appointment? How are the members formally appointed? Is there a letter with terms and conditions?*
- 4. Do the members receive any remuneration or other financial or non-financial compensation for their roles? If so, please describe.*
- 5. What are the arrangement concerning TIPAC expenses – including travel and accommodation costs? Who pays for these? What is the budget?*
- 6. Will industry representatives and special envoys also be appointed? Or will they come from within the Council? How does this meet the Government's election commitments in that area?*
- 7. Will additional members be added at some point in the future?*
- 8. Were any of these individuals or businesses consulted prior to the finalisation of the Korea/Australia FTA or JAPEA?*
- 9. What access will the Council have to negotiating positions during future FTA negotiations?*
- 10. Please provide details of the TIPAC's first meeting on 6 June 2014 at Parliament House, including – who attended, agenda items, outcomes, cost of the meeting.*
- 11. When and where is the next scheduled meeting? How many times will TIPAC meet each year, and where?*

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar\\_mr\\_140530.aspx](http://www.trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2014/ar_mr_140530.aspx)

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*12. Will members of TIPAC accompany Trade Minister Robb and/or Prime Minister Abbott on any of their overseas trips? If so, who will cover the costs? What will be their role?*

**Answer**

1. TIPAC membership arrangements are at the discretion of the Minister for Trade and Investment, and are in accordance with standard Australian Government policies and procedures for ministerial appointments.
2. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) did not provide a shortlist for TIPAC's membership.
3. Members are appointed to TIPAC for an initial term of two years. The Minister for Trade and Investment formally appointed members in writing. TIPAC membership arrangements are at the discretion of the Minister for Trade and Investment, and are in accordance with standard Australian Government policies and procedures for ministerial appointments.
4. Members do not receive any remuneration or financial or non-financial compensation for their roles.
5. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will fund costs around TIPAC meetings and administration as required. This includes venue, security, catering, communications, and IT arrangements. DFAT can reimburse members' domestic travel costs on request. Any costs will be covered in accordance with Departmental Guidelines.
6. The Minister for Trade and Investment has established TIPAC as an important source of advice to advance the Government's trade and investment agenda. This is in line with the Government's pre-election commitment to re-establish the Trade Advisory Council as the pre-eminent source of advice from the business sector on trade and investment issues.
7. Members have been appointed for an initial term of two years. TIPAC membership arrangements are at the discretion of the Minister for Trade and Investment.
8. Only Australian Government officials have access to the negotiating positions of parties involved in FTA negotiations. This includes Australia's negotiating positions.
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10. TIPAC's first meeting on 6 June 2014 at Parliament House was attended by: Mr Mehrdad Baghai; Mr Mauro Balzarini; Robin Chambers AO; Mr Rowen Craigie; Mr Paul Espie; Ms Claire Field; Ms Colette Garnsey; Professor Sandra Harding; Mr Alex Harvey; Mr Ashok Jacob; Ms Joy Linton; Mr Peter O'Brien; Ms Philippa Purser; Mr Jason Sau Lee Yeap; and Mr Yasushi Takahashi. TIPAC meetings are conducted under the Chatham House rule. The meeting cost \$2,965 (including GST). DFAT covered this cost.

11. TIPAC will meet twice a year. TIPAC may also conduct out-of-session meetings. The next meeting of TIPAC has not been scheduled yet.

12. The question of whether TIPAC members will accompany the Minister for Trade and Investment or the Prime Minister on overseas travel is a decision for the Government. Under TIPAC's Terms of Reference, DFAT can reimburse members' domestic travel costs only on request. Any such costs will be covered in accordance with Departmental Guidelines.

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**Question No 524**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Archiving of Material on Department websites**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*With reference to Archiving of Material on Departmental websites*

*With reference to answer to Question on Notice no. 241, which states that the “Gillard Government trade policy statement: trading our way to more jobs and prosperity” was removed due to a circular issued by Secretary Peter Varghese which requires the removal of “all publications that: contain a photo or foreword by a previous minister; refer to previous ministers by name; or promote a specific policy of the previous Government”:*

- 1. Why was this circular enacted?*
- 2. Does it apply to all material of the previous Government?*
- 3. Has all material been taken down from the previous Government? Are there some exceptions?*
- 4. Does this circular also apply to the previous Howard Government?*
- 5. Why is there a White Paper from the Howard Government covering Transnational Terrorism with a foreword by Alexander Downer that is still easily accessible on the DFAT website?*
- 6. Was this directive by Mr Varghese his sole initiation?*

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**Answer**

1. Administrative Circular N676/13 was issued by the Secretary, Mr Peter Varghese AO, on 9 September 2013 following the outcome of the federal election. The advice contained in the circular was to assist staff in supporting the continuity of government.
- 2 to 4. Yes, the advice given to staff in September 2013 was to review website and social media content for policy information and references that may need to be updated.
5. The Transnational Terrorism White Paper has been removed.
6. The purpose of the administrative circular was to convey advice to staff on continuity government, in accordance with similar advice provided to staff following the previous election.

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**Question No 525**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Trade Industry representatives**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Trade Industry representatives*

*With reference to Trade Minister Robb's commitment to include industry representatives in negotiation of free trade agreements, the Minister stated that :  
"The Minister regularly engages a range of industry representatives in regard to trade negotiations."*

- 1. Can the Department provide a list of these representatives that the Minister has consulted with?*
- 2. If not, why not?*
- 3. Is there any sort of formal process in relation to the appointment of these representatives?*

**Answer**

1. Consultations are wide-ranging and no list is kept.
2. See above.
3. No.



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**Question No 526**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Free Trade Agreements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

*Other potential free trade agreements*

*With reference to the answer to Senate question on notice number 494 that “consideration is being given to the feasibility of [free trade] agreements with the European Union, Brazil, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Taiwan”:*

- 1. Please outline what consideration has been given?*
- 2. Have any briefs been provided to the Minister on the feasibility of any of the agreements?*
- 3. Has modelling commenced or been commissioned by the Department to explore the feasibility of any of these agreements?*
- 4. Is there a preference within the Department or within the Government to progress some of these agreements more than others?*

**Answer**

1. Initial internal policy consideration is being given to the feasibility of agreements with the European Union, Brazil, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Taiwan by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. At this stage, no specific proposals have been made on the feasibility of these free trade agreements for the consideration of the Government. In respect of the European Union, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade commenced an initial targeted consultation in July 2014 to explore commercial interest in a free trade agreement.

2. No briefings have been provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to portfolio Ministers with specific advice on the feasibility of free trade agreements with the European Union, Brazil, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Taiwan.

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3. The Department is not currently considering economic modelling to assess the feasibility of any free trade agreement.
4. No decisions have been taken on the prioritisation of the free trade agreements currently under consideration.

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**Question No 527**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Departmental briefings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Wong**

**Question**

***Departmental briefings***

***Further to the department briefings outline in answer to Senate question on notice number 47, please provide information on any subsequent briefings on trade matters to:***

- 1. Parliamentarians representing Coalition Parties***
- 2. Parliamentarians representing the Australian Labor Party***
- 3. Parliamentarians representing minor parties; and***
- 4. Independent parliamentarians.***

**Answer**

1. Parliamentarians representing Coalition Parties

One briefing was provided to the Member for Longman (and Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties) on the Trans-Pacific Partnership at the request of the Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

Deputy Secretary Adams travelled as part of the PM's delegation to Japan, Korea & China and provided briefings on this visit.

One briefing was provided to the Deputy Prime Minister on the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement, at the request of the office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

One briefing was provided to the Minister for Agriculture on the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement, at the request of the office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

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One briefing was provided to a group of Coalition Parliamentarians on the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, at the request of the office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

Two briefings were provided to the Member for Longman (and Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties) on North Asia Free Trade Agreements, at the request of the office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

Single briefings were provided to the Member for Wannon and the Member for Murray on the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement, at the request of the office of the Minister for Trade and Investment.

One briefing was provided to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and North Asia Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). A further briefing was provided on North Asia Free Trade Agreements only. The names of the members in attendance were not recorded by DFAT, but are known to have included Parliamentarians representing the Coalition.

2. Parliamentarians representing the Australian Labor Party

Parliamentarians representing the Australian Labor Party are known to have attended the briefings provided to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties mentioned in the answer to part 1, however as noted the names of the members in attendance were not recorded by DFAT.

3. Parliamentarians representing minor parties; and

DFAT did not record whether Senator Ludlam of the Australian Greens attended the briefings provided to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, mentioned in the answer to part 1.

4. Independent parliamentarians.

Nil.

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### **Question No 528**

**Program: EFIC**

**Topic: Commission of Audit**

**Question on Notice**

**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

*With reference to recommendation 33 in Phase 1 of the Commission of Audit report and the Government's response on 13 May 2014 that reforms to assistance to exporters will be considered following the 2014-15 Budget.*

- 1. Was EFIC consulted during the Commission of Audit process?*
- 2. What is EFIC's position on the recommendation that EFIC be abolished?*
- 3. What is EFIC's position on the recommendation to transfer the existing loan book of EFIC to DFAT and to investigate options to on-sell or wind up the loans?*

### **Answer**

1. No, Efic was not consulted by the Commission of Audit committee.  
Efic did provide input to the DFAT submission to the Commission of Audit.
2. Efic has an important role to play in ensuring Australian businesses can access the finance they require to realise opportunities in international markets and the export supply chain.

Efic provided an initial statement on the Commission of Audit Recommendations in May 2014. The response is available here: <http://www.efic.gov.au/news/Pages/NationalCommissionofAudit.aspx>

The nature of Australia's export credit arrangements are a policy matter for Government.

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**Question No 529**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Staffing reductions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

1. *How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?*
2. *Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.*
3. *Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.*
4. *If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.*
5. *Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.*
6. *How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?*
7. *How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?*
8. *What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position*
9. *How do the packages differ from the default public service package?*
10. *How is the department/agency funding the packages?*

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1. There have been 205 staff (including SES) separations through voluntary redundancy from 1 February to 30 June 2014. These reductions form part of the \$110m in savings the department will deliver in 2014-15 following the integration of AusAID and DFAT.

2. No.

3. The department has committed to reducing by approximately 500 positions from 1 July 2013 to 1 July 2015. This will be achieved through natural attrition, cessation of non-ongoing contracts, and voluntary redundancy.

4. The reduction in the department's staffing profile will be delivered as a result of the integration of AusAID and DFAT and increased efficiency in the delivery of the aid program.

5. The department is not planning to involuntarily retrench employees.

6. 256 ongoing staff left the department from 1 February to 30 June 2014.

APS 1 - 3	7
APS 4 - 5	46
APS 6	47
EL1	99
EL2	42
SES	15

7. 52 non-ongoing staff left the department from 1 February to 30 June 2014.

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APS 6	7
EL1	8
EL2	4
SES	1

8. The department is unable to provide this level of detail due to its privacy obligations to employees.

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9. The department's redundancy package as set out in its enterprise agreement conforms with standard arrangements across the APS.
10. The department has funded its voluntary redundancy program from its operating budget.



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### **Question No 530**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

### **Question**

- 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?*
- 2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?*
- 3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?*
- 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?*
- 5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?*
- 6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?*
- 7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?*

### **Answer**

Temporary contracts are engaged by line areas of the organization, as required and in accordance with commonwealth procurement practices, however the department does not maintain central repositories of information on individuals conducting work for the department on commercial contract arrangements. To source such data would require a substantial diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

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**Question No 531**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Ministerial staff code**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

**Question**

- 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? \* If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level \* If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? \* If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?**
- 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? \* If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? \* How long have they worked for the Minister?**
- 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? \* If not, on what date did they comply?**
- 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? \* If so, on what date were those disclosure made?**
- 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee**
- 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment**
- 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level**

**Answer**

Ministerial staff are employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 which is the responsibility of the Department of Finance.

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**Question No 532**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Syria**

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**Senator Fawcett**

**Question**

**Senator FAWCETT:** *There are two groups, I guess, that I am particularly interested in, and obviously these are the most difficult groups for you to deal with because they are internal as opposed to people who have crossed the border. But NGOs are reporting large concentrations of minorities, particularly Christians, who have been persecuted at times when they have gone to the camps because of the large majorities there. So I am interested in knowing what information you can provide—I am happy to take it on notice—about the concentrations of those people within Syria and their access to food, water and healthcare and where the priorities are. The other group is Palestinians. I have not seen it for a little while but certainly, initially, there were a number of NGO reports of Palestinian people, people of Palestinian descent, not being allowed to cross the border out of Syria into other camps. I am just interested in knowing whether that is still the case and, if it is, how widespread it is and what support is possible for that population group as well.*

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *I can make some general comments, including following on from some inquiries that were made in the last estimates. Obviously, the Syrian conflict has impacted on all communities in Syria. It is fair to say that different groups have been targeted because of their perceived loyalties, as the civil war has rumbled on. As part of our representations on these issues, including in the UN, we have called for an inclusive political process in which all of Syria's communities are represented. In terms of whether Syrians are being affected worse than other communities—because, as you are aware, the conflict is impacting on all of the Syrian population—we have considered this issue, including making inquiries, and we are not able to make a judgment as to whether one community is suffering more or less than another, but certainly it is impacting on all communities. The camps you are referring to—do you mean camps inside or outside of Syria?*

**Senator FAWCETT: Outside.**

**Mr Innes-Brown:** *Yes. As I have said, we did follow this up. I requested that our post make some inquiries and provide some judgments on this, since our last estimates hearing. Based on the information that we have and their understanding of it, we have not reached the judgment or do not assess that Syrians have been systematically denied access to refugee camps or services in neighbouring countries. What our posts have highlighted is that, actually, only a small proportion of Syrian*

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*refugees are in refugee camps in neighbouring countries. There are no camps in Lebanon, although there are tented settlements in different places. The camps only accommodate a minority of refugees in Turkey and in Jordan. I guess that the majority of people who have fled Syria are living amongst the community. In Turkey, the camps are administered by the Turkish government and, in Jordan, two camps are administered by the UNHCR and one is administered by the UAE. What they have reported is that refugees in camps have tended to remain with members of their own community. It is possible, as you are suggesting, that members of communities who are perceived to be on different sides of the conflict make each other unwelcome or unsafe. That is entirely possible. But our mission in Turkey noted that, in one camp in Turkey, the Turkish authorities had set aside an area for Christians, but most of the Syrian Christians prefer to live with the local Christian community. As we understand the situation in Lebanon, Christians are less likely to register with the UNHCR as refugees and are more integrated with the Christian community there. In relation to the Palestinians, I will have to take that on notice and get a more definitive answer for you on that particular situation.*

**Answer**

Prior to the start of the Syrian conflict, Syria hosted 529,000 registered Palestinian refugees. More than half of this population has been internally displaced or left Syria. Most Palestinians in Syria were concentrated in the southwest of the country near Damascus, therefore Lebanon and Jordan have been the main destinations for Palestinian refugees trying to leave Syria.

Both Lebanon and Jordan have restricted the movement of Palestinians from Syria. Jordan has a policy of not admitting Palestinian refugees which it acknowledged in January 2013. Exceptions are made in cases of particular humanitarian need. Lebanon announced changes to its policy on the admission of Palestinians from Syria in May 2014. The changes are to restrict the movement of Palestinians looking to transit Lebanon to other Arab states for which they may not have authority to enter, but the changes have the effect of making it difficult for Palestinian refugees to enter Lebanon from Syria.

In both Lebanon and Jordan, Palestinian refugees from Syria will be affected by legal restrictions already in place on local Palestinian refugees, for example restrictions on employment. They will receive differing treatment from UN agencies (as compared to Syrian refugees), as Palestinians explicitly fall outside the mandate of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and within the mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The Jordanian policy of non-admission may also affect their ability to access government services, participate in the economy and their freedom of movement inside Jordan.

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Turkey allows Palestinian refugees from Syria to enter and be afforded the same treatment as Syrian refugees. We understand that there have been cases where Palestinian refugees have been denied entry or registration, but we understand these cases are exceptions and are not as a result of Turkish government policy.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is mandated to support Palestinian refugees in the region, including in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. In 2013/14 Australia contributed almost \$20 million to UNRWA's operations. Australia has also provided \$130.8 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the Syria crisis since 2011. This included \$2 million to UNRWA's emergency appeal in Lebanon.

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**Question No 533**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Former PM - Singapore Foreign Minister**

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**Senator Edwards**

**Question**

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Are you aware of the report in Mr Carr's diary that 'Kevin had come close to roughing him'?*

**Senator Brandis:** *Which foreign minister is being offended?*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *The Singapore foreign minister. That is the quote: 'Kevin had come close to roughing the Singapore foreign minister up at his last meeting'. Is that incident known?*

*Mr Varghese: Not to me.*

**Senator EDWARDS:** *Rather than have Groundhog Day, if you could just take on notice all the other questions that we asked.*

**Senator Brandis:** *We will take it on notice on the same basis, within DFAT, of course—this is a reference to the Prime Minister's conduct now—if it happened and if there is reporting of it. It may be that that is not reporting within DFAT but within the Prime Minister's department. We will have a look and see if there is reporting of this alleged incident, and if it is suitable for release then we will do so. We will take the question on notice on that basis.*

**Answer**

While in the role of Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kevin Rudd, travelled to Singapore in October 2011, where he had frank and open discussions with his Singaporean counterpart, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Kasiviswanathan Shanmugam, on a number of bilateral and international issues.

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**Senator Dastyari**

**Question**

**Senator DASTYARI:** *So who represented the government at the OGP?*

**Mr Varghese:** *A senior official from the Department of Finance, which is the department that has responsibility for the Open Government Partnership.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Was anyone from Department of Foreign Affairs present? Was the ambassador there? Mr Cox, did the ambassador facilitate the trip for the representative from the Department of Finance?*

**Mr Cox:** *I do not believe the ambassador attended.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *But if the Prime Minister was there the ambassador would have attended?*

**Mr Varghese:** *If the Prime Minister was there, the ambassador would have been present. This was a meeting that was held in Bali—I imagine the facilitation was done by our consulate-general in Bali for the official from the Department of Finance.*

**Senator DASTYARI:** *Can you take that on notice and confirm that for us?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I can.*

**Answer**

The Australian Consulate-General in Denpasar did not facilitate the visit to Bali of the senior Department of Finance officer who represented Australia at the Open Government Partnership Conference. Prior to the Conference, the Department of Finance advised that no assistance was required from the Embassy in Jakarta or the Consulate-General in Bali.

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**Question No 535**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Incarceration and detention of children**

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**Senator Xenophon**

**Question**

**Senator XENOPHON:** *Can I go to the Four Corners program earlier this year by Australian correspondent in the Middle East John Lyons about the incarceration and the detention of Palestinian children by Israeli authorities. Mr Varghese, is that something that the department has considered or provided an opinion on to the Australian government?*

**Mr Varghese:** *I would need to check with colleagues whether we have or have not.*

**Answer**

Yes.



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**Topic: British Journal of Criminology**

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**Senator Rhiannon**

**Question**

**Senator RHIANNON:** Is the department aware of allegations in the *British Journal of Criminology*, volume 52, issue No 4, page 705: 'Testimony from senior Australian Government officials is presented which strongly suggests the Australian Government supported PNG defence force operations on Bougainville during 1989 to 1992 and to that end provided direct military assistance, including ADF officers who helped plan the counter insurgency campaign.' Is the department aware of these allegations and has any follow-up occurred since that article was printed?

**Ms Klugman:** I am not aware of that article. I am happy to take that question on notice.

**Answer**

The department is aware of allegations made in the article entitled "State Crime by Proxy" which appeared in the *British Journal of Criminology* in 2012 (volume 52, issue No. 4, page 705).

The question of military assistance to the PNG Defence Force is a question properly directed to the Department of Defence.

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**Question No 537**

**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Summit**

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**Senator McEwen**

**Question**

**Senator McEWEN:** *I just had one question here, I am not even sure if this is quite the right spot, but did Australia have any representation at the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Summit in Canada on 28 to 30 May?*

**Mr McDonald:** *I believe we did. I just need to check that.*

**Mr Exell:** *I think our ambassador covered that meeting.*

**Senator McEWEN:** *Not the Ambassador for Women and Girls, the Canadian Ambassador?*

**Mr Exell:** *Correct. Australia's Ambassador to Canada represented us.*

**Senator McEWEN:** *So, you probably do not know then, can you confirm or otherwise whether Australia made any specific commitments at that summit?*

**Mr Exell:** *I would have to take that on notice.*

**Answer**

The Australian High Commissioner to Canada, Ms Louise Hand, attended the Summit and no new commitments were made by Australia.

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**Program: DFAT**

**Topic: High-polarity market access**

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**Senator Wong**

### **Question**

**Senator WONG:** *I think Senator Macdonald already asked the questions about who put that position to you as being a gain to be sought through this. I have quite a lot of questions, so perhaps on notice you could indicate to us, from your engagement with the industry, which producers or who will potentially benefit from the high-polarity market access that you have described.*

**Ms Adams:** *Certainly.*

### **Answer**

The Government achieved unprecedented access for high polarity (or international standard) raw sugar – the main type of raw sugar that Australia exports – in the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement. Japan will eliminate its 21.5 yen/kg tariff and reduce its levy on imports from Australia of high polarity raw sugar on entry into force of the Agreement. The value of the deal for sugar exporters comes in the new opportunities this creates.

The producers who stand to benefit from this outcome are those producers who currently export raw sugar to countries other than Japan or can shift their production for the Japanese market from low polarity to high polarity raw sugar. These producers will be able to export high polarity raw sugar to Japan more competitively at the preferential rate for Australia. Currently the industry has to produce low polarity raw sugar only for Japan. As it can't be sold to other markets, Japan has the whip-hand in price negotiations.

The ability to trade in high polarity sugar provides production efficiencies and gives producers much more flexibility, including better opportunities to manage the lucrative market in Korea – Australia's largest raw sugar export market.

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**Senator Wong**

**Question**

**Senator WONG:** *Can you tell me what is our best understanding of when it is likely to go before the National Assembly?*

**Mr Rowe:** *Within the next can few months. I can take it on notice, if you like, and get those exact timings.*

**Answer**

Australia and the Republic of Korea are committed to finalising domestic procedures to bring the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement into force as soon as possible. This commitment was reiterated in the *Vision Statement for a Secure, Peaceful and Prosperous Future Between the Republic of Korea and Australia* which Prime Minister Abbott and President Park agreed on 8 April 2014 in Seoul. We expect the Agreement to come before the National Assembly in September 2014, but this is a matter for the Korean government and we do not have a precise date.