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Question No 1

Program: DFAT

Topic: Protocol - DFAT Ministerial travel guidelines

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Can I request a copy of that be tabled? You will obviously want to take that on notice.

Mr Varghese: We can take that on notice.

Answer

The DFAT Overseas Visits Guidelines are an internal working document. The full text of the document cannot be released due to security-related considerations.

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: In addition to [Ambassador Brady], were there any DFAT officials or staff present for that arrival?

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

Answer: Yes, DFAT staff included the Deputy Head of Mission Paris, First Secretary Paris, Locally Engaged Staff Protocol Manager Paris, and Locally Engaged Staff Head of Mission Assistant/Office Manager Paris.

Question

Senator WONG: I would like a copy of the CERHOS guidelines which are available to your heads of mission. I want to know what document your heads of mission have.

Mr Varghese: Can I take that on notice? They are not our guidelines, and therefore—

Senator WONG: No, but they are documents that your staff have.

Mr Varghese: No. The normal practice, as I am sure you would appreciate, is that the originator and the owner of the guidelines would need to be consulted about making the document available. I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Did you understand that to be a reference to the Prime Ministerial visit guidelines that we were discussing earlier? Or is there some other document?

Mr Varghese: I took it to be a reference to the CERHOS guidelines.

Senator WONG: Thank you—the ones that we were discussing earlier.

Mr Varghese: Correct.

Senator WONG: And you are taking on notice to provide your version of them,

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as held by your people.

Mr Varghese: That is correct.

Answer: Questions relating to the guide for planning for overseas visits by the Prime Minister should be directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Question

Senator WONG: Perhaps you could take on notice the date of the conversations with the Foreign Minister.

Mr Varghese: I will take that on notice, Senator.

Answer: No note was made of this conversation, but in Mr Varghese's recollection, it took place on 27 April.

Question

Senator WONG: Mr Varghese—just to make it clear—you are declining to answer to this Senate committee whether or not resignation was canvassed as between Ambassador Brady and yourself.

Senator Brandis: Senator Wong, Mr Varghese is not declining to do anything other than canvass in a public arena a conversation which was understood by both parties to be a confidential conversation. Because this is a matter of interest to you, I have said that we will take this matter on notice so that we can consider the basis on which you assert the questions are legitimate questions with due reflection.

Senator Brandis: Senator Wong, you have explained the basis upon which you assert that these questions are legitimate questions. Mr Varghese and I have explained why it is inappropriate for them to be answered. What we will do in order to give appropriate consideration to the basis on which you assert they ought to be answered is take them on notice and consider them.

Senator WONG: Are you aware that the Ambassador canvassed his resignation?

Senator Brandis: I have no knowledge of the matter.

Senator WONG: I am asking you the question again, Mr Varghese.

Senator Brandis: The question has been taken on notice.

Answer: Ambassador Brady did not offer his resignation to Mr Varghese.

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Question

Senator WONG: You are taking on notice the question as to whether the Foreign Minister was advised.

Senator Brandis: Senator, out of courtesy to the committee, given that we have taken the premise which you assert to be a fact as a question on notice, it would follow that we would take a subsequent question based on that unverified premise also on notice.

Answer: Refer to the previous answer on page 2 of 3.

Question

Senator WONG: Have you seen, or do you have any knowledge of, any report, file note or other document in relation to the incident of the Prime Minister's arrival on 25 April in Paris?

Senator Brandis: [...] if you want to [...] ask whether there were any file notes in relation to the Prime Minister's arrival in Paris then we will take that on notice.

Answer: There are no DFAT file notes in relation to the Prime Minister's arrival in Paris.

Question

CHAIR: Could I ask when Mr Brady was appointed to the position of Australian Ambassador to France?

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

Answer: Mr Brady's appointment as Australia's Ambassador in Paris was announced by Foreign Minister Bishop on 31 March 2014 and Mr Brady commenced at post on 29 September 2014.

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Senator LUDLAM: I do not know whether it would make more sense to have this taken on notice: I am keen to get an idea of how much less overall we are spending on Burma than last financial year and the one before. Would you dispute my contention that it has actually been quite a steep net loss?

Mr McDonald: Yes. At the moment, in terms of our funding for 2014-15, it would be similar in terms of the bilateral program to last year. We can get those figures for you but I think you will find that, between 2013-14 and 2014-15, when you add the humanitarian in, it will either be similar or slightly increased.

Senator LUDLAM: Would you be able to clarify for us—I do not know that it is worth going through the spreadsheet, back and forth, now—what the base funding is and when the emergency funding or the humanitarian funding arrives; whether it is being drawn from other parts of the country where, presumably, there were already identified areas of need; or whether it came from a separate appropriation, just how much of the breakdown.

Answer

The total estimated flow of Australia's overseas development assistance (ODA) to Burma was \$90 million in 2014-15. The actual flow of ODA to Burma was \$91.8 million in 2013-14 and \$75.5 million in 2012-13.

Funding for humanitarian assistance to Burma is not drawn from funds allocated to other development assistance programs in Burma but forms a dedicated part of the Burma bilateral aid budget each year. This is supplemented as required with central funding from the Department's humanitarian aid budget.

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Since June 2012, Australia has provided almost \$48 million in humanitarian assistance to people affected by conflict and natural disasters in Burma.

In 2014-15, Australia provided \$19 million in humanitarian assistance for Burma, including:

- \$5m for displaced people in Rakhine State
- \$1m for displaced people in Kachin State
- \$4m for emergency food assistance to vulnerable populations across the country
- \$8 million for refugees from Burma in Thailand
- \$1 million to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs emergency fund to address short-term humanitarian needs of people.

In 2013-14, Australia provided \$14 million in humanitarian assistance for Burma, including:

- \$1.7m for displaced people in Rakhine State
- \$1.3m for displaced people in Kachin State
- \$5m for emergency food assistance to vulnerable populations across the country
- \$4 million for refugees from Burma in Thailand
- \$2 million to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs emergency fund to address short-term humanitarian needs of people.

In 2012-13 Australia provided \$14.84 million in humanitarian assistance for Burma, including:

- \$8.99 million for displaced people in Rakhine State
- \$1.35 million for displaced people in Kachin State
- \$3.5 million for refugees from Burma in Thailand
- \$1 million to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs emergency fund to address short-term humanitarian needs of people.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: ODA - Avoidable blindness

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Senator Singh

Question

Senator SINGH: Can you advise the total overseas development assistance allocated within the 2015-16 international development budget for programs targeting avoidable blindness, eye health and disability support for people with unavoidable blindness and vision impairment? [...]

Senator SINGH: So you do not have any kind of figures on the amount in the 2015-16 budget that targets avoidable blindness? You do not have that figure? [...]

Senator SINGH: I think you have taken that on notice, haven't you, and the quantum of those three programs.

Mr McDonald: Yes, I have.

Answer

Following the release of the aid budget, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is consulting with partners on programming priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans for country and regional programs. Each Aid Investment Plan will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once they have been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015.

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: I will ask a very precise question. There are four parts to the code which deal with interaction between ministerial staff and your staff, in that it says that the staff member must:

“7. Treat with respect and courtesy all those with whom they have contact in the course of their employment.

10. Not knowingly or intentionally encourage or induce a public official by their decisions, directions or conduct to breach the law or parliamentary obligations or fail to comply with an applicable code of ethical conduct.

11. Acknowledge that ministerial staff do not have the power to direct APS employees in their own right and that APS employees are not subject to their direction.

12. Recognise that executive decisions are the preserve of Ministers and public servants and not ministerial staff acting in their own right.”

I want to know if, to your knowledge, any of your officers have raised with any other officer in the department concern about conduct inconsistent with any of those aspects of the statement of standards or otherwise.

Mr Varghese: I am not aware of any such concern or complaint. I am happy to take on notice whether that may have occurred and was not brought to my attention.

Answer

As far as relevant areas of the department are aware, no such concerns or complaints have been raised.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Staffing - 35T

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Senator McEwen

Question

- 1. Senator McEWEN: Has there been any change to the ratio of SES band employees who were pre-merger DFAT versus AusAID?**

Mr Varghese: I would have to take on notice whether the ratios have changed. Do you mean the ratio that we had in old DFAT and old AusAID compared to the ratio we have in the combined DFAT-AusAID?

Senator McEWEN: Yes.

Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice, but I do not expect there would be a substantial change.

Answer

- 1. The SES ratio at the point of integration was 25% former AusAID staff. As at 30 April 2015, the ratio is 20% former AusAID staff.**

Point of Integration (1 November 2013)	AusAID	DFAT
SES Band 1	51	143
SES Band 2	14	50
SES Band 3	3	16
Total	68	209

30 April 2015	Pre-merger AusAID	Pre-merger DFAT
SES Band 1	36	131
SES Band 2	12	53
SES Band 3	1	14
Total	49	198

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Question

2. **Senator McEWEN:** Perhaps while you are doing that, could you give me an update on the numbers of pre- merger AusAID staff at each of the APS levels—SES bands 1 to 3, executive level 2, executive level 1 and the APS 4 to 6—who have taken voluntary redundancies?

Mr Varghese: Sure. We can take that on notice.

Senator McEWEN: And also the number of pre-merger DFAT staff at each of those APS levels who have also taken voluntary redundancies?

Mr Varghese: Yes.

[...]

Answer

2. As at 30 June 2015, a total of 374 non-SES A-based employees and 24 SES A-based employees have taken a voluntary redundancy from the department.

A-based staff who left DFAT through VRs from 3 January 2014 to 30 June 2015					
Classification levels	No. of employees	Pre-merger AusAID		Pre-merger DFAT	
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
SES	24	9	6	9	0
EL2	59	13	22	16	8
EL1	163	21	67	43	32
APS6	71	15	45	6	5
BB2 (incl. APS4 & 5)	73	8	22	8	35
BB1 (up to APS 3)	8	1	0	3	4
Total	398	67	162	85	84
		229		169	

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- 3. Senator McEWEN: Okay. So there were 26 persons who have been promoted?**

Mr Varghese: Correct.

Senator McEWEN: How many of those, if any, were former AusAID staff?

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

Senator McEWEN: Would any of them have been?

Mr Varghese: Sure, yes. Quite a few of them.

Senator McEWEN: Quite a few.

Answer

3. The 2015 SES promotion rounds included:
- a. 1 promotion to SES Band 3 (DFAT)
 - b. 13 promotions to SES Band 2 (3 former AusAID)
 - c. 33* promotions to SES Band 1 (4 former AusAID)
 - i. 6 corporate promotions
 - ii. 27 policy promotions.

*This figure includes two promotions (one policy, one corporate) that took place since the Budget Estimates hearing in early June 2015.

Question

- 4. Senator McEWEN: Can you tell me how many people were promoted as a result of that 2013 round?**

Mr Varghese: At the Band 1 level it was 26. At the Band 2 level it was 13. I did one promotion at the Band 3 level, which is the Deputy Secretary level.

Senator McEWEN: Those are the 2013 figures?

Mr Varghese: No, those are the 2015 figures. I would have to take on notice what the 2013 figures were.

Answer

4. The 2013 SES promotion rounds included*:
- a. 4 promotions to SES Band 3
 - b. 12 promotions to SES Band 2
 - c. 13 promotions to SES Band 1.

*This excludes AusAID as occurred pre-integration.

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Topic: Security - clearances

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: How much is it costing the department to undertake all these additional security clearances for AusAID staff?

Mr Fisher: The estimate I have is \$1.3 million between 2014-2015 and the 2016-2017 financial years.

Senator McEWEN: What is the breakdown over those two financial years?

Mr Fisher: I do not have that breakdown. I could take it on notice, if you like.

Answer

Departmental costs to undertake security clearances for AusAID staff

Financial year 2014-15 (approximate)	\$592,680
Financial year 2015-16 (approximate)	\$600,140
Financial year 2016-17 (approximate)	\$107,180
Total (approximate)	\$1.3 million

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Topic: Vanuatu

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Senator FAWCETT: I ask you to take on notice to provide the Committee with an update of the programs that were in existence and what has happened to them in terms of the training infrastructure that was set up, some of the microbusinesses that were established under that and whether there is going to be a focus on re-establishing and capitalising on the training and investment those communities have made as opposed to a whole new raft of measures that may not pick up where we have got to before. Thank you.

Senator McEWEN: To follow on from what Senator Fawcett said about Vanuatu: in that answer would you also be able to address the program that Australia had at the hospital in Port Vila? Both Senator Fawcett and I were fortunate to visit that there. Australia was funding a program to train midwives I do not know what the state of the hospital is.

Mr Sloper: I am happy to take that on notice along with the earlier request.

Answer

Training and business support activities in Vanuatu under Australia's Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector Strengthening Program remain on track. Australia's long-term recovery package for Vanuatu will build on our existing TVET investment to ensure that training is focused on Vanuatu's economic recovery, including by building resilience in the agriculture, tourism and construction sectors and maximising the use of local labour to improve livelihoods. The new centre in Tafea province was officially opened on 2 June 2015.

Port Vila Central Hospital sustained significant damage during Tropical Cyclone Pam. Australian urban search and rescue and medical assistance teams assisted with initial clean-up work at the hospital, including by establishing temporary

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medical wards and providing surge support for hospital staff. Initial repairs were completed to return the hospital to basic functionality in the short term, but additional work will be required, including as part of Australia's \$35m recovery package of support to Vanuatu. Australian Government funded programs at the hospital are continuing as planned, with only minor disruption immediately post-cyclone. Training for midwives and nurses is continuing as normal.

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Topic: Staff surveys - 40T

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: Would it be possible to get copies of the latest staff surveys—the questions?

Mr Varghese: Can I take that on notice?

Senator McEWEN: Yes you can. Is there any reason you would not be able to provide the questions that were asked?

Mr Varghese: I do not want to go into a long list of reasons why I could not agree to it, but there are a couple of angles that I just need to think a little bit about.[...]

Senator McEWEN: Were there any reports arising from the surveys that you would be able to provide to us?

Mr Varghese: We make the surveys available throughout the department so all staff get to see it. They do not get to see the surveys of other parts of the department; they get to see the surveys relating to the department as a whole. Each division will get its own divisional results. We do make it as widely available as possible.

Senator McEWEN: Are you unable to provide the surveys because they have—

Mr Varghese: I am not saying I am unable to provide it. I will just take it on notice

Answer:

The department provides the following documents in response to this question:

1. Message to All Staff from the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Published: 6 May 2015
2. DFAT 2015 Pulse Survey – Fact Sheet: ORIMA Research – Published: 6 May 2015
3. DFAT Pulse Survey Questions - Published: 24 February 2015

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1. Message to All Staff from the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Published: 6 May 2015)

Message from the Secretary - 2015 Pulse Survey Results

Colleagues

I would like to thank staff for taking the time to participate in the second and final integration Pulse Survey. 3,430 staff responded to the survey, representing a response rate of 58 per cent compared with 65 per cent for the last Pulse Survey in 2014.

Overall, the latest survey paints a mixed picture. At the headline level we are making progress and commitment to the department remains high. But we still have many challenges ahead in terms of how some enabling services are perceived and also in reassuring staff that we have the right skills mix in place.

The Pulse Survey results show that following the launch of the department's values statement and strategic framework, there has been a significant increase in the percentage of staff who are clear about the department's values and strategic direction.

I am also pleased to see a notable improvement in a number of aspects of leadership, particularly in terms of senior leaders encouraging innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking.

There are some signs of improvement in overall engagement, satisfaction and aspects of workplace culture. However, the department can still do more to embed the DFAT values, improve transparency and ensure we are flexible and open to change.

I note that the results for enabling services, particularly HR and ICT services have declined over the last 12 months. Integration has placed significant pressure on these areas. They are responding professionally but much of what has been achieved is not yet fully visible at the coal-face of service delivery. I hope to see this change in the course of this year.

Individual work area reports will be distributed this week and I encourage managers and staff to discuss the department's results and their individual work area results with a view to implementing practical changes in the workplace.

Peter N Varghese AO
Secretary

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**2. DFAT 2015 Pulse Survey – Fact Sheet – ORIMA Research -
Published: 6 May 2015**

About the survey

The 2015 DFAT Pulse Survey was conducted between 24 February and 10 March 2015. A total of 3,430 (APS and LE) employees took part in the survey, representing a response rate of 58%. The survey was conducted by an independent firm, ORIMA Research. ORIMA Research also prepared this fact sheet.

Survey Highlights

- The results for leadership have improved since the 2014 Pulse Survey
 - Approximately three-quarters of staff provided positive ratings for the Division Head/HOM/HOP in terms of their support provided during times of change, their communication, and their example in implementing the DFAT values
 - There was a significant improvement in the results for leadership encouraging innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking.
- There has been an improvement in the key outcome measures of employee engagement, satisfaction and loyalty and commitment since the 2014 Pulse Survey
 - 73% of staff indicated they are proud to tell others they work at DFAT, slightly above the 2014 Pulse Survey result
 - 63% of staff indicated they are satisfied with DFAT as an employer, slightly above the 2014 Pulse Survey result
 - 58% of staff would recommend DFAT as a good place to work, this result has remained steady since the 2014 Pulse Survey.
- 66% of staff agreed that the changes associated with integration have become a normal part of their day-to-day work, while only 9% disagreed.
- The survey highlighted scope for improvement in several key areas, most notably enabling services
 - Over 20% of staff disagreed that aspects of ICT and strategic human resources functions assist them in fulfilling their role. Ratings of most aspects of enabling services have declined since 2014, particularly ratings of ICT and HR.

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Overall engagement

There has been a slight improvement in the key outcome measures of employee engagement, satisfaction and loyalty and commitment since the 2014 Pulse Survey.

- Employee engagement measures motivation and willingness to expend discretionary effort. The survey findings in this area remained positive – 84% of staff agreed that they are motivated to do the best possible work they can and 97% indicated they are willing to put in extra effort to complete a task or project.
- 76% of staff are satisfied overall with their current job, slightly above the 2014 result (74%) and a benchmark of APS agencies (72%).
- 63% of staff are satisfied with DFAT as an employer, whilst this has improved slightly since the 2014 Pulse Survey (60%), it is below the APS benchmark (72%).
- Loyalty and commitment measures the goodwill / advocacy of staff towards the department and can also reflect a department's level of resilience. Consistent with 2014, employees reported higher levels of pride in working at DFAT (73%) than willingness to recommend the agency as a good place to work (58%)
 - Pride in working at DFAT also improved slightly (from 70% to 73%) since 2014.

Leadership Support for Change

The strongest improvement recorded in the 2015 DFAT Pulse Survey was an increase in the proportion of staff that provided positive ratings of leadership support for employees in the change process.

- 75% of staff provided positive ratings of their Division Head / HOM / HOP in leading by example in implementing DFAT values, communicating effectively with staff about corporate and organisational changes (74%, up from 67% in 2014) and supporting staff in times of change (73%, up from 68% in 2014).
- 74% of staff provided positive ratings of their Branch Head / DHOM / DHOP in leading by example in implementing DFAT values (74%), communicating effectively about corporate and organisational changes (71%, up slightly from 68%) and supporting staff in times of change (71%, up slightly from 69%).
- While a lower share of staff agreed that their Division Head / HOM / HOP and Branch Head / DHOM / DHOP encourage innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking (both 65%), this represented a strong improvement since 2014 (53% and 56%, respectively).

72% of staff agreed that their supervisor encourages innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking and 74% of staff agreed that their supervisor provides them with regular and constructive feedback (above the APS benchmark of 70%).

Workplace and Organisational Change

Employees generally provided favourable ratings of the support and resilience of their team in coping with workplace changes experienced in the 6 months leading up to the survey but provided more moderate ratings of overall management of the change process.

- 79% of staff agreed that people in their team have taken responsibility to help make change successful and 74% (up from 65% in 2014) agreed that people in their team have generally coped well with changes experienced over the previous 6 months.

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- While only 41% of staff agreed (and 31% disagreed) that DFAT manages change effectively, this compares favourably with the APS average of 35% and has improved since the May/June 2014 Census (36%).

DFAT's Workforce Culture

The results for workplace culture were mixed.

- The results for goal clarity, values and strategic direction are positive
 - 79% of staff agreed they are clear about DFAT's values and strategic direction, 90% agreed they understand how their team's role contributes to DFAT's goals and objectives (up from 85% and above the APS average of 84%) and 93% agreed they understand how their role contributes to their team's goals and objectives (up from 90%).
 - 88% of staff agreed that people in their team act in accordance with the DFAT values and that people work well together in their team (85%), although a lower share agreed that people work well across different work areas (57%).
 - The survey also showed an improvement in the share of staff who agreed that they 'feel part of the team' at DFAT, from 56% in 2014 to 63%.
- 79% of staff agreed their job allows them to utilise their skills, knowledge and experience and 72% agreed they have the authority to do their job effectively.
- A large proportion of staff do not agree that:
 - DFAT is flexible and open to change (31%)
 - DFAT has clear and transparent decision-making processes (34%)
 - non-DFAT experience and professional skills are valued by the department (36%).

Enabling Services

Satisfaction with enabling services was low to moderate.

- The highest rated aspect of enabling services was security and building access (rated positively by 72% of staff).
- A number of enabling services recorded low ratings (i.e. less than 50% of staff positive and over 20% negative), including:
 - aspects of ICT – ICT support services (46% positive, 23% negative), computer equipment (45% positive, 25% negative) and computer software (41% positive, 30% negative); and
 - strategic human resource functions – postings, placements, recruitment, workforce planning and performance management (44% positive, 21% negative).

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3. DFAT Pulse Survey Questions – Published: 24 February 2015

A. Workplace culture and leadership

General impressions of DFAT

1. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding the organisational culture at DFAT (i.e. the norms and values of DFAT or “the way we do things around here”).

At DFAT:	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
a. We value and respect our people, including their experience, knowledge and commitment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. We are flexible and open to change.	1	2	3	4	5	6

2. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding DFAT as a department.

DFAT is a department that:	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
a. works collaboratively and engages effectively with external stakeholders.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. has clear and transparent decision-making processes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. manages change effectively.	1	2	3	4	5	6

3. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding DFAT’s priorities and work environment.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
a. I am clear about DFAT’s values and strategic direction.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. I understand how my job contributes to my team’s goals and objectives.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. I understand how my team’s role contributes to the goals and objectives of DFAT.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. People in <u>my team</u> act in accordance with DFAT’s values.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. People work well together in <u>my team</u> .	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. People work well together in <u>my division</u> .	1	2	3	4	5	6

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	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
g. People work well together <u>across different work areas</u> .	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. I feel like I am 'part of the team' at DFAT.	1	2	3	4	5	6

4. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your job-skills match and autonomy.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
a. My job allows me to utilise my skills, knowledge and abilities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Non-DFAT experience and professional skills are valued by the department.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. I have the authority to do my job effectively (e.g. the necessary delegation(s), autonomy, level of responsibility).	1	2	3	4	5	6

B. Workplace and organisational change

5. To what extent do you agree with the following?

My current Division Head/HOM/HOP	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
a. Supports staff in times of change.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Communicates effectively with staff about corporate and organisational changes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Encourages innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Leads by example in implementing the DFAT values.	1	2	3	4	5	6

My current Branch Head/DHOM/DHOP	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
e. Supports staff in times of change.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Communicates effectively with staff about corporate and organisational changes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Encourages innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking.	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Leads by example in implementing the DFAT	1	2	3	4	5	6

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My current Branch Head/DHOM/DHOP	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
values.						

My supervisor	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/NA
i. provides me with regular and constructive feedback	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. encourages innovative thinking and appropriate risk taking.	1	2	3	4	5	6

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the change(s) your team has experienced in the last 6 months.

People in my team	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure/NA
a. have taken responsibility to help make change successful.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. have generally coped well with change.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Support for supervisors

7. Do you supervise/manage staff?

Yes
No

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[Go to question 10]

8. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure/NA
As a supervisor/manager I feel equipped to support my staff throughout organisational change.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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9. If you don't feel equipped to support your staff throughout organisational change, what would assist you with this? **[Select all that apply]**

- 1 More regular updates and briefings
- 2 More targeted updates and briefings
- 3 Improved documentation / guidelines about corporate changes
- 4 More information from your supervisor or manager
- 5 Advice or support in delivering change messages
- 6 Targeted training
- 7 More time to adjust to the new environment
- 8 Other [Please specify]

The integration process

10. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about the integration process.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure/ NA
a. Integration was a positive change for my branch/office/post/mission's external stakeholders	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Integration was a positive change for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The changes associated with the integration have become a normal part of my day-to-day work.	1	2	3	4	5	6

C. Enabling services

11. How would you rate the support provided by the following DFAT corporate enabling functions to support you in your role:

	Very good	Good	Moderate	Poor	Very poor	Not sure/ NA
a. <i>Operational</i> Human Resources functions (pay administration, leave management, response to enquiries)	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. <i>Strategic</i> Human Resources functions (postings, placements, recruitment, workforce planning, performance management)	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. <i>Personal</i> Human Resources functions (training, learning & development programs, staff support, counselling, health and safety)	1	2	3	4	5	6

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	Very good	Good	Moderate	Poor	Very poor	Not sure/NA
d. Security and building access	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Record and information management	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Financial management	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Computer <i>equipment</i> (hardware, network, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Computer <i>software applications</i> .	1	2	3	4	5	6
i. ICT <i>support services</i> .	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. Administrative procedures, policies and guidelines.	1	2	3	4	5	6
k. Accommodation/property services.	1	2	3	4	5	6
l. Procurement/contracting services.	1	2	3	4	5	6

12. If there are any areas for improvement to these services, please outline them here.

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D. Career development and planning

13. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
I am confident that DFAT is able to						
a. <i>identify</i> staff with the necessary skills to meet its business objectives.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. <i>retain</i> the staff it needs to meet its business objectives.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Online survey to enable Q14 if the answer to Q13a and/or Q13b is neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree.

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14. What are the key areas of vulnerability regarding staff skills to meet the Department's business objectives? **[Please select up to three areas]**

- 1 Corporate support **[Please specify]**
- 2 Development policy **[Please specify]**
- 3 Program management **[Please specify]**
- 4 Trade policy **[Please specify]**
- 5 Foreign policy **[Please specify]**
- 6 Country specialists **[Please specify]**
- 7 Thematic specialists **[Please specify]**
- 8 Other **[Please specify]**

15. What is your likely career plan for the next 2 years? **[Please circle ONE option only]**

- 1 Continue to work in my Branch/ Post within DFAT
- 2 Work in a different area of DFAT (not a posting)
- 3 Go on a posting
- 4 Leave DFAT for another public sector organisation
- 5 Leave DFAT for a private sector organisation/ NGO
- 6 Take up full-time study
- 7 Temporarily leave DFAT (leave without pay) for a placement at an NGO/ International organisation
- 8 Retire
- 9 Voluntary redundancy
- 10 Don't know
- 11 Other **[Please specify]**

E. Overall engagement

16. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
a. I am motivated to do the best possible work that I can.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. When required, I am willing to put in the extra effort to get a task or project completed.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. I am proud to be a member of my team.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. I am proud to tell others that I work for DFAT.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. I would recommend DFAT as a good place to	1	2	3	4	5	6

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work.		
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17. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
a. your current job?	1	2	3	4	5
b. DFAT as an employer?	1	2	3	4	5

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Question No 10

Program: DFAT

Topic: Nauru

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: My question is in relation to works on the Republic of Nauru which come under your remit—if they do come under your remit—because of the operation of section 5AA(1):

(d) a work that is proposed to be carried out by or for the Commonwealth by way of assistance to an overseas country; or

(e) a work declared by the regulations not to be a public work.

So there is a provision of the Public Works Committee Act that allows non-scrutiny, if you like, of expenditure because it is deemed to be aid. I have here an AusTender document 13-14 detailing \$2.977 billion worth of expenditure in relation to contracts in Nauru. Is any of that work—and you may well need to take it on notice— subject to the operation of the provision of 'aid to a country' in your budget?

Mr Varghese: I do not know the answer to that, and it would appear—

Senator GALLACHER: I am happy for it to go on notice?

Mr Varghese: I will take it on notice.

Answer

No.

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Question No 11

Program: DFAT

Topic: ODA - eligible expenditure

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: Mr Varghese, I was hoping you would have this information because it would inform our deliberations today—if not, could you take it on notice. Could you provide the committee with a departmental breakdown—a table—of budget estimates for 2014-15 and 2015-16 for ODA eligible expenditure by all government departments?

Mr Varghese: That is probably already covered in what we have either on our website or in the budget document. But the chief financial officer may be able to add.

Mr Wood: Yes, we would be happy to provide that information. We can take that on notice.

Answer

ODA allocations to all government departments are on the DFAT website at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx>.

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Question No 12

Program: DFAT

Topic: Overseas aid spending

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: Previous budgets have provided the breakdown on overseas aid spending, as I have mentioned, and, as I said, it is not in this budget. Was that a decision of the department to not include that breakdown, or was that a request? [...]

Senator RHIANNON: So you will take that on notice?

Mr Varghese: I will.

Answer

ODA allocations are on the department's website at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx>.

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Question No 13

Program: DFAT

Topic: Bilateral aid - Cambodia, Nauru, Burma

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: I want to go back to the figure you gave of \$477.3 million in bilateral aid to PNG. For the same financial year, could I also get the funding for Cambodia, Nauru and Burma?

Mr McDonald: Cambodia is \$52.4 million, Burma \$70.1 million and Nauru \$21.2 million. If you want to look at total flows on those, we can provide those as well.

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you—could you do that.

Answer

The total Australia Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows to Burma, Nauru and Cambodia are outlined below for the year 2015-16. The bilateral aid figures provided by Mr McDonald during Budget Estimates were for the year 2014-15. Mr McDonald has written to the Committee to correct this evidence.

In 2015-16, total Australian Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Burma will be an estimated \$60.5 million, total Australian ODA to Nauru will be an estimated \$25.9 million and total Australian ODA to Cambodia will be an estimated \$89.1 million.

The estimated total Australian ODA to Cambodia includes \$10 million of the \$40 million to be provided over four years announced at the signing of the refugee resettlement arrangement.

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Question No 14

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Customs negotiations

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Senator McLucas

Question

Senator McLUCAS: I would like to ask some questions about the proposal for pre-clearance of freight going either by air or sea from North Queensland to Papua New Guinea, and the role that Foreign Affairs has played in talking about that proposal with PNG to progress the idea. It is basically an idea that has been around for some time, led by the Australian Papua New Guinea Business Council, that would facilitate PNG customs officials being based in Australia so that goods exiting the airport in Cairns and the seaport in Townsville would be able to be cleared in Australia by PNG, and would therefore not necessarily have to go through Port Moresby airport or Port Moresby seaport but direct to a mine or another town in PNG. Is that an issue that someone in the room knows something about?

Mr Varghese: I am not familiar with what you have raised, and clearly we are not the lead department on it— that would be the Department of Immigration and Border Protection—so to the extent that there may or may not have been any DFAT involvement, it would have been in the context of the overall relationship. Unless there is anyone here who actually has firsthand knowledge of it, I would like to take it on notice, if I may.

Senator McLUCAS: When I went to talk to Customs last week, they suggested I should come and talk to you.

Mr Varghese: I am sorry you are getting the run-around, but clearly the procedures applying to the clearance of goods leaving Australia is not the responsibility of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Senator McLUCAS: Customs indicated—I will just find the exact quote; if I point you to the Hansard of Monday 25 May, on page 56. It should be the person who might be able to answer some questions. The Customs official indicated that he thought it would be led by Foreign Affairs, in terms of a

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negotiation between the two countries about having PNG customs officials being able to be located in Australia.

Mr Varghese: Let me take it on notice and follow up for you, Senator.

Answer

This was subsequently answered during Senate Estimates 3 June, page 98.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Funding allocation - integration of IT systems

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: When the amalgamation [DFAT-AusAID integration] occurred, there was no special budget allocation for integration of IT systems?

Mr Spackman: Yes, there was. We were given a base allocation. I will have to take on notice what that figure actually was. Due to the complexity not only of getting around the globe but of combining two disparate systems across two different business models, it was a little bit unsure in the early stages. [...]

Senator McEWEN: I appreciate, Mr Spackman, that you have taken on notice what your internal allocation of funding for this process was—the base amount, as you said.

Answer

The costs associated with the integration of the ICT systems were absorbed internally. The initial estimate to integrate the ICT systems was \$25m.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Maldives

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Senator McGrath

Question

Senator McGRATH: Mr Varghese, in previous estimates I inquired about the steps taken by the government in relation to the Maldives. Sadly, this year the outlook for democracy and freedom in that country has deteriorated significantly, with the government arresting and now jailing the former and the first freely elected democratic president of the Maldives. These actions have been condemned by Canada, the United States, the European Union, India, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and I think Australia has also raised concerns about the deterioration in this country. Only this week, further leaders of minor parties have also been arrested. I was wondering if you could provide an update on the situation in the Maldives and what steps Australia is taking to express its displeasure in relation to the curtailment of democratic rights in a fellow member of the Commonwealth.

Mr Varghese: [...] I will have to take on notice and provide to the committee more detail in the absence of the officer.

Senator McGRATH: If you could. One thing I should also raise is that the former president, Mohamed Nasheed, who is currently in jail, has been refused medical treatment. I would be interested to hear what response the government of the Maldives are giving to the concerns raised by the Australian government and other countries.

Answer

The Australian Government is monitoring these developments closely including the sentencing of former Maldivian President Mohamed Nasheed after trial on terrorism charges and his treatment in detention.

The Australian Government has registered concern over these developments both publicly and privately with the Maldives Government including during a visit by

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Australia's High Commissioner to the Maldives in May 2015, where we also supported calls for major parties to hold a meaningful dialogue to find political solutions to the issues underlying the current situation.

The Australian High Commission in Colombo accredited to the Maldives released several statements in March 2015 emphasising our shared commitment as fellow members of the Commonwealth to fundamental rights and freedoms, including those of due process, judicial fairness, rule of law and the right of opposition groups to participate fully in the democratic process.

On 6 May 2015, the Australian Government issued a statement at the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review of the Maldives which raised our concern about the conduct of the trial of former President Nasheed and called for the Maldives to safeguard fundamental political rights. The Australian Government has also encouraged the Maldivian Government to engage constructively with international partners including the Commonwealth.

The Australian Government will continue to monitor developments closely and encourage all parties to exercise restraint and to resolve differences peacefully.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Overseas aid spending

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Does the table I have sought effectively give me a disaggregation of the \$3 billion at 1.2?

Mr Wood: Correct. That is what is put on our website. The table that you have in front of you—table 1—is the total aid program of \$4.052 billion. That includes funding that DFAT is provided in addition to the funding that goes to all the government departments.

Senator WONG: Was this change proposed by the department?

Mr Wood: I would need to take that on notice. We did some analysis following the integration, because we ended up with lots of small programs that we had inherited from three different portfolios. [...]

Senator WONG: Thank you. I understand I would like to understand when this change was proposed. Can I get the date. Was that proposed in advice? You will have to take this on notice, Mr Wood. I am just going to articulate it; is that all right?

Mr Wood: Sure, yes.

Senator WONG: If you can enlighten me now, that would be good. When was it proposed? When was it put to the minister's office? When was the decision made? Was this an option that the department was asked to provide or did the department decide to provide it of its own accord?

Mr Wood: The timing was probably about January or February. As you would appreciate we had to make a number of changes to the central budget management system to reflect this, so it was earlier in the calendar year. We will provide those precise details on notice.

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Answer

The changes to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (DFAT's) outcome and program structure, reflected in its 2015-16 Portfolio Budget Statement, were proposed by the Department following consultation with the Department of Finance.

The changes were approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade and Investment on 12 February 2015.

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Question on notice 154 from earlier this year where I asked—I think it was me—the period for which contributions to particular multilateral funds subsisted. What I was trying to seek was really the point you made before—when we give a contribution to the World Bank is that for one financial year or do we do it for three financial years et cetera. You did answer that, you gave me a good table—I wonder if it could be updated, perhaps on notice.

Answer

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Question on Notice 18 – DFAT’s response:

Institution	Existing contributions to end	Next replenishment date	Annual contributions since 2013 (FY unless otherwise indicated) 2012 - 2013	2013 – 2014	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016
World Bank (International Development Association)	April 2025 (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative)	December 2016 (IDA18)	207 million	218 million	212 million	223 million
Asian Development Bank (Asian Development Fund)	December 2021	May 2016 (ADF XII)	83.08 million	101.09 million	122.20 million	124.87 million
UNAIDS	The 2009-12 UNAIDS-DFAT Partnership Framework is still in effect as it includes a clause whereby it is automatically extended on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.	Annual voluntary core contributions to UNAIDS are typically made in the first half of each calendar year.	7.24 million (<i>Calendar year 2013</i>)	7.2 million (<i>Calendar year 2014</i>)	7.5 million (<i>Calendar year 2015</i>)	4.5 million (<i>Calendar year 2016</i>)
World Health Organisation (WHO)	The 2009-13 WHO-DFAT Partnership Framework is still in effect as it includes a clause whereby it is automatically extended on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.	Annual voluntary core contributions to WHO are typically made in the first half of each calendar year.	20 million (<i>Calendar year 2013</i>)	20 million (<i>Calendar year 2014</i>)	20.6 million (<i>Calendar year 2015</i>)	12.4 million (<i>Calendar year 2016</i>)
UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	Extended by mutual consent to June 2016	Annual voluntary core contributions to UNFPA are typically made in the first half of each calendar year.	15 million (<i>Calendar year 2013</i>)	15 million (<i>Calendar year 2014</i>)	15.4 million (<i>Calendar year 2015</i>)	9.2 million (<i>Calendar year 2016</i>)
World Food Program	June 2015 (but this will likely be extended by mutual consent to December 2015)	Annual contributions to WFP are made in the second half of each	46 million	46 million	50 million	47.5 million

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		calendar year.				
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	December 2015	Annual core funding to OCHA is typically made in the first half of each calendar year.	9 million	9 million	9.3 million	8.8 million
UN High Commissioner for Refugees	December 2016	Annual core funding to UNHCR is typically paid in the first half of each calendar year.	21 million	19 million	21 million	20 million
UN Development Program	June 2016	One payment per calendar year – Australia tends to pay in September	20.66 million	20.66 million	21.2 million	12.7 million
UNICEF	June 2016	One payment per calendar year – Australia tends to pay in September	34.1 million	34.1 million	34.4 million	21 million
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	December 2020	TBC (awaiting advice from Gavi)	47.5 million	52.5 million	50 million	50 million
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	December 2016	TBC (awaiting advice from the Global Fund)	59.8 million	100 million	105 million	50.5 million
International Monetary Fund (IMF) *	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*IMF not included as question targets core funding only – DFAT provides a small amount of non-core funding for technical assistance through the IMF (\$4.9 million in 2013 – 2014 and \$250,000 in 2014 – 2015).

Note that this table reflects voluntary core funding, and does not cover earmarked funding, or funding provided by other Australian Government departments.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid - Effectiveness study

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Senator FAWCETT: Against the recommendations from that [aid effectiveness study], are you benchmarking our progress on initiatives like this? How many of those recommendations for aid effectiveness does this tick off in making a program more effective, in terms of outcomes against the dollar spent?

Mr McDonald: I would have to take on notice how many of the recommendations it ticks off.

Answer

The Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness was delivered to a previous Australian government and responded to the aid policy platform at that time. Investments supported by the innovationXchange are consistent with the development policy of the current Australian Government, *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability, and making performance count.*

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Program: DFAT

Topic: DFAT - speakers program

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Senator Williams

Question

Senator WONG: You said you often provide staff with lectures from people who are coming through. What are the procedures associated with that? Is there a hard and fast rule? Who organises it? Who is required to tick off on it? I just want to get a sense of how these things are organised.

Mr Varghese: One of the things we have been trying to do in the department is expose colleagues to a broad range of views about big issues. Part of that is a ramped-up speakers program. This can be initiated in different ways. Many of them are organised through the policy planning branch. They come forward with ideas. Most of the time they would be ticked off by me or by a deputy secretary. But other parts of the department who have a particular interest in an issue may also identify speakers.

Senator WONG: How long would you say this—to use your phrase—'ramped-up' speakers program has been on foot?

Mr Varghese: It was something I was very keen to do when I took up the position, so we have been doing more of this in the last 12 to 18 months, I would say.

Senator WONG: Could you give me a list, on notice, of the speakers over the last 12 to 18 months?

Mr Varghese: Sure.

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Answer

At Secretary Varghese's request, the Policy Planning Branch created a series called "Big Picture Forums" designed to broaden and deepen DFAT officers' knowledge and understanding of current foreign, trade and development policy debates. We invite an individual expert or pair of experts to present on a theme for 30 minutes and then take questions for 30 minutes. The forums are hosted by the Secretary or another SES officer and are open to all staff.

The speakers from January 2014 to June 2015 are listed below.

Topic	Presenter 1	Presenter 2	Date
			Note: No Big Picture Forums were held in January or February 2014
US Foreign Policy: How does it happen?	The Hon Kim Beazley, AC Ambassador to USA		5 March 2014
1996-2007: Some foreign policy reflections	The Hon John Howard OM AC SSI, Former Prime Minister		20 March 2014
Living with China	Prof Richard Rigby Executive Director, ANU China Institute	Dr Doug Kean ADG Strategic Analysis Branch, ONA	17 April 2014
The Chessboard and Russia's Vision of the World	Garry Kasparov Former World Chess Champion; Russian political activist		22 April 2014
South Pacific: Paradise lost?	Sean Dorney Pacific Correspondent, Australia Network	James Batley Former Deputy Director General of the Asia, Pacific and Program Enabling Group, AusAID	5 May 2014
Year(s) of Living Dangerously: The work of a foreign correspondent	Mary-Louise O'Callaghan Media Adviser, World Vision and former journalist	Karen Percy ABC journalist	10 June 2014
Hear it from the HOM	HE Gary Quinlan Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations		15 June 2014

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Decoding Chinese Foreign Policy: How is it made and what does it look like?	HE Frances Adamson , Ambassador to China		20 June 2014
The GFC: Have we dodged a bullet?	Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences recipient		30 June 2014
Future State 2030: Global megatrends shaping governments	Michael Hiller Partner, KPMG		22 July 2014
Skyful of Lies and Black Swans: The internet and public diplomacy	Nik Gowing BBC World News		12 August 2014
The Great Debate: That multilateralism gets you further than bilateralism	Affirmative Team Chris Moraitis , DFAT Deputy Secretary Pedro Villagra Delgado , Ambassador of Argentina and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Michael Small , High Commissioner for Canada	Negative Team Harinder Sidhu , DFAT First Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Policy Division Annemieke Ruigrok , Ambassador of Netherlands Chris Seed , High Commissioner for New Zealand	13 August 2014
The Middle East: Dynamics, dangers, destiny – and what they mean for Australia	Ian Parmeter Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, ANU; former ADG, Middle East and South Asia Branch, ONA; former Ambassador to Lebanon	Anthony Bubalo Research Director, Lowy Institute	25 September 2014
Strategic Thinking and Policy Making: What is it and how do you do it?	Dr Brendon Hammer FAS, Americas Division		28 October 2014

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Strategic Thinking and Policy Making: What is it and how do you do it?	Allan Gyngell AO Former Director-General, ONA		13 November 2014
White Ribbon Day Address: Women in leadership	Helen Clark ONZ, SSI Administrator, UNDP Former New Zealand Prime Minister		24 November 2014
Foreign Policy and Journalism: Oil and water?	John Garnaut Asia Pacific Editor, Fairfax Media		28 November 2014
Strategic Thinking and Policy Making: What is it and how do you do it?	Professor Michael L'Estrange AO Former Secretary, DFAT		3 December 2014
Hear it from the HOM: Welcome to Moscow	HE Paul Myler Ambassador to Russia		18 December 2014
Does Gender Matter in Diplomacy?	Dr Susan Harris Rimmer Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, ANU	Her Excellency Annemieke Ruigrok Ambassador of the Netherlands to Australia	6 February 2015
The New World Disorder: Threats of Weakness, Risks of Force	Jean-Marie Guéhenno, President and CEO, International Crisis Group		17 February 2015
Public Diplomacy: Harnessing Culture for Peace	Ambassador Dr Cynthia P. Schneider, Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy, Georgetown University		24 February 2015
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Program: DFAT

Topic: Bjorn Lomborg

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: In relation to Dr Lomborg, can I ask how his name came to be identified? You identified a number of mechanisms—was it from a staff member, from management or from another source?

Mr McDonald: I thought I mentioned that it came from the Foreign Minister's office.

Senator WONG: I understood; you did say it was the Foreign Minister's office's idea to put him on the reference group. Yes, you have given that evidence. Was that from a staff member to you? How was that indicated?

Mr McDonald: Obviously, we were looking for names broadly and getting a list put together for consideration.

Senator WONG: I just wondered how that was communicated to you.

Mr McDonald: I cannot recall.

Senator WONG: Would you like to, perhaps, take that on notice?

Mr McDonald: I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: I am moving on from the group. I am coming to the lecture. The secretary has explained to me about your guest speakers program, and the secretary said there is a range of ways in which those names might come forward. I am asking how his name came forward.

Mr McDonald: I cannot answer that. I am happy to take that on notice. [...]

CHAIR: I think you mentioned he [Bjorn Lomborg] had previously briefed AusAID, and I am wondering if you could recall when that was, Mr McDonald?

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Mr McDonald: From my recollection, that was 2012. I could be wrong, but I remember attending that presentation. He has been well-known in aid circles in Australia since I have been involved with the department.

CHAIR: Not long before the merger.

Mr McDonald: I would say it was a calendar year before, in 2012. We integrated in 2013, but I am happy to check.

Senator WONG: But this is a different one, yes?

Mr Varghese: We will take on notice your question, Senator Wong, which is: 'Who initiated the idea?' [...]

Senator WONG: What was the lecture about?

Mr McDonald: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Ms Bishop proposed Dr Lomborg for membership. The Minister has made it clear that she wants a diversity of voices on the Reference Group, including people who can “think outside the square” and challenge the status quo.

Regarding the lecture given to DFAT staff by Dr Lomborg, this was in March 2015 and was organized by the Chief Economist (Development). It focused on the ‘Post – 2015 Development Agenda: The Smartest Targets for the World’ and related work on cost benefit analysis that he was doing at the time.

Dr Lomborg was not paid a speaker’s fee for this presentation.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Budget - paper

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Whose decision was it to not include the official development assistance profile in Budget Paper No. 1, as it had been previously?

Mr Wood: The responsibility for these documents is with the Department of Treasury and the Department of Finance.

Senator WONG: Were you aware that that information was not included in the budget papers?

Mr Wood: The first I see of this document is in the budget lock-up, Senator.

Senator WONG: Is there any occasion on which this information has not been provided in recent years?

Mr Wood: I do not know, Senator.

Senator WONG: Mr Varghese, I again ask you. All you have to do is look at what was provided last year and what has been provided this year and there is a demonstrable reduction in transparency. There is no region-based ODA profile in Budget Paper No. 1 as there was last year, and there is no boxed information about the official development assistance profile.

Mr Varghese: Senator, I can't add anything further to that. I am happy to take on notice as to what the background to that was, and report back to you.

Answer

Budget Paper 1 was prepared by the Treasury and Department of Finance on behalf of the Government. As such, DFAT is unable to provide details on the background to this decision.

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Okay. If we track that back against last year's profile—and this is pre-the MYEFO cuts, is that correct? In the first MYEFO there was an ODA reduction, is that correct? Can you just remind me—because there has been a series of reductions in the ODA—where we have got to, and the sequence of those?

Mr Wood: Yes, sure, Senator.

Senator WONG: Do you want to just take me through that? And then I want to compare it against 4.2.

Mr Wood: Sure. I will give you the headline summary: at the 2014-15 MYEFO, there was a reduction of \$3.7 billion announced across the forward estimates; and in the 2014-15 budget, there was a reduction of \$7.6 billion.

Senator WONG: Are they the only reductions to date?

Mr Wood: Those have been the only reductions in the last 12 months.

Senator WONG: So was there nothing in the first budget of the government?

Mr Wood: Let me take that on notice and I will check, and come back and confirm that, Senator.

Answer

The 2013-14 ODA budget was reduced by \$625,463,000. This is detailed in Table 1.2 of the 2013-14 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Mr Downer - business interests

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Senator Ludwig

Question

Senator LUDWIG: I was just going to go through this. Mr Downer, the High Commissioner—when was he appointed?

Mr Varghese: As I recall, he took up his position in about April or May of last year, but I can check on that.

Senator LUDWIG: That is all I need. I am happy for you to take that on notice. [...]

Senator LUDWIG: When they are appointed, who does the due diligence in respect of their employment— whether or not they have commercial interests, their private declarations and the like? I am not asking for the detail itself. That would obviously be—

Mr Varghese: The decision to make a political appointment is one taken by the Foreign Minister, in consultation with the Prime Minister. At the point that the person is employed under the Public Service Act, he or she then comes under all of the relevant provisions. As part of the discussions we would have with them, before they join the department or come under the terms of that act, we would explain to them the various requirements and, if there are conflicts of interest, the need for them to address them and remove them.

Senator LUDWIG: Do you know whether that was done with respect to Mr Downer, or not?

Mr Varghese: I would be surprised if it was not, but I will take that on notice— unless Mr Fisher is in a position to answer. [...]

Senator LUDWIG: You would be able to recall the lobbyist firm, Bespoke Approach. How was that going to be dealt with, given that he is the owner—or

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at least a director—of a registered organisation, Arbury Pty Ltd?

Mr Fisher: We will take that on notice. There were discussions about some of his various interests and his intent to remove any conflict of interest. But I will take on notice that particular question. [...]

Senator LUDWIG: The question goes to why Mr Downer's firm Arbury Pty Ltd, as a Bespoke Approach lobbyist, would be using the address of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as their address on SAI Global for their return and whether or not you are aware of it. That would be the first question.

Senator Brandis: I do not know what Arbury Pty Ltd is. The extract that you have provided to the committee contains details of the name of the company, its status as a proprietary company limited by shares, its current and former addresses and its registered office. That is all, as far as I can construe the document, unless some pages are missing. I note that it is a three page document evidently, because one of the two pages that you have given us is described as page 3 of three, but we only have two of the three pages. One page appears to be the first page. Page 3 of three is obviously the last page. We do not have the second page. In the absence of knowing what Arbury Pty Ltd is—information which is not revealed by this document—nor having the document in its complete form, I do not know how much further we can go with this. We will take any questions you have on notice. I gather you are asserting that there is some relationship between Mr Downer and Arbury Pty Ltd, but that is not apparent on the face of the document you have produced. [...]

Senator LUDWIG: Do you know whether or not that was disclosed to the department that Arbury has a shareholding in Bespoke Approach, and what arrangements you then put in place to ensure that there was no perception or a potential perception of a conflict of interest?

Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice, but I would point you to what I have already explained, which was that Mr Downer had indicated, and so declared, that he had no conflict of interest. But I am happy to take your question on notice.

Answer

Heads of Mission and other staff are required to declare interests including share holdings when they judge there may be a conflict or perceived conflict of interest with their official duties. Prior to taking up his role as High Commissioner to London, Mr Downer made DFAT aware that he had an

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interest in Bespoke Approach. Mr Downer then ceased his role as a director of Bespoke Approach and, we understand, plays no part in its operations.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Mr Smith - business interest

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Senator Ludwig

Question

Senator LUDWIG: Just turning to Mr Ian Smith, who is also shown on *Bespoke Approach*; can you explain to me how the department is involved where people are and seek to be an honorary British consul in South Australia? As I understand it, Mr Smith is an honorary British consul in South Australia who is also a current director of *Bespoke Approach Pty Ltd*.

Mr Varghese: The decision to make an appointment to an honorary consul position is obviously taken by the foreign government. I would have to check whether subsequent to a nomination being made there is any particular role or requirement for the department—I will take that on notice.

Answer

The appointment of Honorary Consuls (or Honorary Consuls-General) in Australia is managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Consistent with the *Vienna Convention on Consular Relations*, such appointments are initiated by the Government of the sending State (in the case of Mr Smith the UK Government) through a diplomatic note to DFAT. DFAT assesses the suitability of the nominee based on criteria contained in its *Guidelines for Honorary Consuls*, which form part of DFAT's *Protocol Guidelines*, available on the DFAT website. In considering the suitability of a nominee, DFAT consults the Australian Federal Police as well as the relevant State Government. This was the process DFAT followed in the case of Mr Smith.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Cleaning contracts

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Senator McEwen

Questions

Senator McEWEN: I would like to find out, either on notice or if you have that information with you, what the base hourly rate is currently and what it was under the current previous contract, regardless of whether they are full time or part time.

Answer: The base hourly rate at 4 June 2015 was \$18.01 per hour (National Award rate). The previous base rate was \$22.90 per hour (AGCSG).

Senator McEWEN: Were there any unions present at that [11 February] meeting with the cleaners?

Answer: No

Senator McEWEN: How many cleaners are we talking about?

Mr Nixon: Again, I would have to take that on notice as to the exact number of cleaners that are engaged on the site.

Answer: 13

Senator McEWEN: I would just like to know how many cleaners are engaged to clean the building and how many of them were at that meeting. What time was that meeting held? Have you got those details? What time of day?

Answer: 13 engaged at that time and 13 attended the meeting on 14 February 2015.

Do you know how many cleaners moved over to the new contractor, who accepted an offer of employment with the new contractor, and who were already existing cleaners under the previous contract?

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Answer: 11 of 13 accepted the offer and were engaged.

Senator McEWEN: And all of those staff are employed full-time now?

Answer: Yes

Senator IAN MACDONALD: If you have a tender for cleaning, does the department then become involved with who they employ, how many they employ and at what rate of pay.

Answer: DFAT has outsourced the cleaning of the RG Casey building to a private company. The cleaners are employees of a private company, not departmental employees. DFAT has the responsibility to ensure contractors that we engage provide their employees fair and equitable remuneration, and a safe and healthy work environment. DFAT has confirmed the cleaners are paid the award rates. Any questions about award determinations are more appropriately referred to the Department of Employment.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Bougainville - Aid Program Performance Report

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: It is in regard to the Aid Program Performance Report 2013-14. I note that DFAT outlines risks and challenges in Bougainville, but it does include the heightened contention around the reopening of the Panguna mine. [...] I was hoping that you could share with us why it was not included as destabilising and high risk for Bougainville. [...]

Mr McDonald: We need to consider that and respond to that. Mr Sloper is not the author of that report; another part of the department is.

Senator RHIANNON: So you are happy to take that on notice?

Mr McDonald: I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

Mr Sloper acknowledged in his testimony that the issue of the mine is contentious. The report is not intended to provide a comprehensive list of all challenges faced by PNG and Bougainville.

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: I have some issues to do with DFAT itself. You would probably be aware of *The Canberra Times* article last Saturday, under the title 'DFAT staffer claims abuse report stifled career'. It said, in part, at the end:

“The department's latest annual report said it employed 3950 Australian staff, with 864 of those—or 22 per cent—posted overseas. Only one staffer successfully claimed from Comcare for mental stress in 2013-14.”

Is that correct? If it is not correct, what is the correct figure and how many applied but were unsuccessful?

Mr Varghese: I will take that on notice, Senator, but the decision on Comcare compensation is not one taken by the department. It is taken by Comcare. [...]

Senator RHIANNON: You cannot provide any figures about the number of people who go on stress leave and those sorts of issues.

Mr Varghese: I am happy to take specific questions on notice. [...]

Senator RHIANNON: How many sexual-abuse cases has the department's conduct and ethics unit investigated over the past five years, and how many have been upheld?

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Answer

In 2013-14, Comcare accepted one claim and rejected eight claims relating to mental stressors at the department.

In 2013-14 four employees took mental stress related leave from the department.

Comcare administers the Commonwealth workers' compensation scheme for the department. The department submits information on claims as required under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (SRC) Act 1988 however, Comcare assesses and determines the outcome for each claim.

The Conduct and Ethics Unit has not investigated any allegations of sexual abuse against an employee of the department since 2010.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: MYEFO

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Mr Wood, can I ask a question which no doubt you will have to take on notice. You might want to refer to whether or not you provided me something in February which partially answers it. I am interested—and this will be a whole-of-department issue, I suspect—in how many and the total costs of projects which were not proceeded with which had been either contracted or committed from MYEFO to date.

Mr Wood: To clarify: that is the 2014-15 MYEFO?

Senator WONG: No. The 2013-14 MYEFO to date. Just to be clear, as I understand it, this table tells us there were a certain number of projects contracted and a certain number committed. I am interested in how many projects, and their value, that were not proceeded with, which were contracted, and those not proceeded with, which were committed. And if that could be done by regional program.

Mr Wood: Just to be clear: for the last 18 months?

Senator WONG: Correct. Can I go to the forward estimates table that you provided. Perhaps you can explain to me a couple of things. There are a number of regional programs where the committed expenses in some years over the forwards already appear to exceed the total activity approval: Vanuatu, which may be explicable for the reasons you have explained, in 2016-17; Pacific regional, and that may be because of the Vanuatu humanitarian aid; Vietnam in 2016-17—\$52 million versus \$49 million; Burma in 2017-18 and also 2018-19; Bangladesh in 2015-16 and in 2017-18; Sri Lanka in 2017-18. Can you explain that to me?

Mr Wood: In general, it mainly relates to some anomalies in terms of the signing of the contracts or a timing issue. This is a live report, so there may

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be a timing issue. But I am certainly happy to go back and clarify those particular ones that you have highlighted.

Senator WONG: That is, why we would have committed more than we have approved.

Mr Wood: Correct.

Senator WONG: You want to take that on notice. If I wanted to find out, across the forward estimates, total activity approval, committed expenses and how that relates to what is budgeted, what is the best way of me doing that?

Mr Wood: For the 2015-16 year—

Senator WONG: It is going back to this table for everything else?

Mr Wood: Yes. We would provide that to you at a high level. The government agrees country allocations each year through the budget process and announces those on budget night.

Senator WONG: What could you give me without precluding that budget decision?

Mr McDonald: I think we will have to take that on notice and see what we can give. Mr Wood is right. The allocations are done each year. We have to cost the forward estimates, the bottom line, but we will see what we can provide.

Senator WONG: What would the other column be.

Mr McDonald: I understand what you want.

Answer

See response to question 125.

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Question No 30

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Bougainville - Establishment of DFAT post in Buka

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Senator Wong

Question

RHIANNON: I want to ask about the proposal for the diplomatic post in Bougainville. All up, I understood it was a bit over \$98 million allocated for the new posts. Of that amount, how much has been earmarked for this new one on Bougainville.

Mr Wood: We would need to take on notice the precise breakdown and details. As you said, there was \$98.3 million provided in the budget to open the five posts: Buka, Doha, Makassar, Phuket and Ulaanbaatar. The funding is split between operating and capital and it is split across financial years.

Senator RHIANNON: So you will be able to supply that on notice and give us a breakdown?

Mr Wood: We will confirm the allocations that we have.

[...]

Mr Varghese: We were asked early in the day what the budget for Buka would be, and we said that we would take that on notice because we had the aggregate number for new posts but not the disaggregated number readily available.

Senator WONG: Is that what she was asking for?

Mr Varghese: I think Senator Rhiannon was asking about Manus and where Manus fitted into the PNG program.

Senator WONG: Are you not able to give us the—I am just trying to find the budget measure. It is unusual. Usually we do posts separately in budget measures, as in the Baghdad embassy here, but you have aggregated them. Are you not able to tell me how much of the \$10.7, \$16.3, \$17.8 and \$16.9 is

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Buka?

Mr Varghese: We should be able to tell you, but we cannot right at the moment.

Senator WONG: Tomorrow?

Mr Varghese: I will certainly try to get that to you.

Senator WONG: We are back tomorrow, aren't we?

[...]

Mr Varghese: We have made working assumptions about staff numbers and property costs and the other things that go into it. In the case of Buka, we are in discussions with the government of PNG about precisely what we will do in Buka. We cannot do anything without their consent, so it is a slightly different situation.

Senator WONG: I am happy to talk about that. I would love to have the working assumptions, but I actually asked, in a prior question, what is your budget allocation for Buka?

[...]

Senator WONG: You have done working assumptions around staff and so forth. Are you able to take on notice that I am requesting those?

[...]

Senator WONG: When was the budget cabinet, if there was more than one, which resolved this particular issue?

Mr Varghese: I would have to check the date.

Senator WONG: Was that in the week prior to the budget or the week of the budget?

Mr Wood: I do not know, Senator.

Senator WONG: When was the ERC decision which included this in the budget?

Mr Varghese: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator WONG: I would ask for all those dates.

[...]

Senator WONG: Minister Pato is reported as describing the plan is outrageous and has summoned the High Commissioner to explain. Has that meeting

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occurred?

Mr Varghese: He asked our High Commission to come to a meeting. The meeting was attended by the Deputy High Commissioner in the absence of the High Commissioner at another function.

Senator WONG: When was that?

Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice unless there is someone present who has the infor[...]

Mr Sloper: I do not have that particular meeting on the chronology but I expect it is the day after Mr O'Neill was here in Sydney at the Lowy Institute. I will confirm that and come back to you very shortly.

Senator WONG: Which was a couple of days after the budget.

Mr Sloper: It was on 13 May.

Senator WONG: The budget was on the 12th this year, is that right?

Mr Sloper: That is right.

Senator WONG: So Mr O'Neill was there on the 13th, his comments were reported on the 14th and are you saying that the Deputy High Commissioner had a meeting on that day?

Mr Sloper: On the 14th, I think so.

Senator WONG: In PNG?

Mr Sloper: In PNG, in Port Moresby.

[...]

Senator WONG: Can I seek a copy of the letter that the Foreign Minister wrote to Prime Minister O'Neill.

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

Senator WONG: I am happy for you to do that.

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Answer

Of the \$98 million provided to DFAT to establish five new posts, \$20 million was estimated for Buka over the 2015-16 to 2018-19 period. This includes set-up costs and operating expenses. In line with normal practice, an expanded presence in Buka will only occur in consultation with the Government of Papua New Guinea.

In relation to information sought on Cabinet meetings, DFAT's consistent policy is not to disclose information on Cabinet processes.

The release of ministerial correspondence is a matter for the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Speechwriting services

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: I still have not had an answer, Mr Roach, about what process was followed in relation to this procurement that renders the procurement process compliant with the CPRs.

[...]

Senator Brandis: And it may be that the Commonwealth Procurement Rules did not apply in this particular case.

Senator WONG: How is that possible? How can they not apply?

Senator Brandis: Because, under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, there are certain exceptions, and you should know that, as a former finance minister.

Senator WONG: Yes, because we wrote them, but that means they apply but there is an exception.

Senator Brandis: In order to avoid wasting the time of the committee pursuing what may be a false issue, we will take the question on notice.

Senator WONG: There is an official at the table. Are you able to assist on this issue?

Senator Brandis: We will take the question on notice.

[...]

Senator WONG: So one of your colleagues receives the invoice, contacts the office et cetera. Was a file note or other record taken of that conversation?

Mr Roach: I understand that there may have been exchanges of emails.

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(1) Can I on notice have copies of the invoices and copies of all documentation associated with the conversations you have just given evidence about?

Mr Roach: I am happy to take that on notice.

[...]

Mr Roach: Under the contract that I am aware of, Senator, the payment was for \$22,500 plus GST, which comes to a total of \$24, 750.

(2) Okay; well, if someone can just explain that to me. If this is the contract, or even if it is not, this contract was not published on AusTender within 42 days of entering the contract, which is a breach of the CPRs. Can someone explain to me why that delay occurred? The contract start date was 12 March 2014 and publication was 11 June.

Mr Roach: We will take that on notice.

[...]

(3) Ms Bergmann: The financial approvals also noted that in the delegate's view the procurement represented value for money.

Senator WONG: Okay. Can I have a copy of those documents?

Mr Roach: We will take that on notice.

[...]

Mr Roach: It was a limited tender. I made a judgement about the value for money on the basis of working and making contract and other financial decisions of a comparable nature.

Senator WONG: And what were they?

Mr Roach: We have previously employed people outside the APS to do similar services on behalf of ministers. That is one guide. As I was referring to a moment ago, getting speakers who are highly credentialed to speak to the SES group is another. There are other contracts that we have signed.

(4) Senator WONG: Are they noted in your value-for-money note?

Mr Roach: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have it in front of me.

(5) Senator WONG: Are you able to provide on notice to me some examples of the sorts of arrangements to which you have just referred?

Mr Roach: I will take that on notice.

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Answer

(1) and (3) See attached.

(2) This was an administrative error.

(4) No.

(5) In most recent times, other consultants that the relevant area of the department has previously engaged to provide planning advice or speechwriting services include Analytics Group Pty Ltd and Mr Graham Freudenberg. It also engages with potential consultants on a regular basis as part of its support to Ministers and the Senior Executive and is aware that consulting rates on economic policy issues are normally in the range of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per day, depending on credentials, experience and the task.

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Minute

File no: 14/2594

Date: 19 February 2014

TO. Jeff Roach, AS EXB

CC. Warren Hauck, Director MEL
Joe Kerr, Director SWS

Through.

FM. Glenn Morrison, MEL

REGULATION 9 APPROVAL - DR ANDREW STOECKEL

This minute seeks your approval to a spending proposal to engage Dr Andrew Stockel to provide speechwriting services for Mr Andrew Robb, Minister for Trade and Investment. The maximum cost of this proposal is \$41,100 including GST.

Background

2. The Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment has requested the services of a speechwriter to assist the Minister. Dr Stockel has been selected as the best candidate to provide these services.

Considerations

3. The proposal is consistent with Commonwealth policies and will make an efficient, effective and ethical use of Commonwealth resources. As the services are unique and the skills required are in short supply in Australia, and given Dr Stoeckel's extensive knowledge in the subject matter that is required, it is not possible to provide two written quotes for other speechwriters, as is required under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. For this reason, I seek your approval for an exemption to the CPRs.

Issues/Risks

4. Given the high profile of the Minister, the proposal has the potential to generate media interest. This risk will be managed in consultation with the Minister's Office.

Consultation

5. The Procurement Unit in CMD has been consulted in the drafting of the short form contract to engage Dr Stoeckel, as have the Minister's Office and the Director of the Speechwriting Section.

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Funding

6. The maximum cost of this spending proposal is \$41,100. This is based on Dr Stoeckel's fee of \$3,000 per day for 12 days, associated GST of \$3,600, and travelling and accommodation costs of \$1,500 should he is required to meet with the Minister in his Melbourne office. Funds are available in EXB's budget which supports the portfolio Ministerial Offices.

7. There are no contingent liabilities associated with the spending proposal.

Recommendation

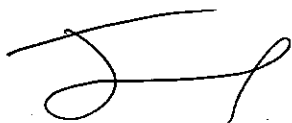
8. It is recommended that you approve the spending proposal up to a maximum commitment of \$41,100, including GST under FMA Regulation 9. The spending proposal is covered by sufficient available funds and accords with Commonwealth policies and represents an efficient, effective and ethical use of resources.



Glenn Morrison

Approval

I am satisfied that the spending proposal is within the limitations of my delegation or authorisation under section 44 of the Financial Management and Accountability (FMA) Act 1997 and FMA Regulation 9 and on the basis of the information provided above, I approve the spending proposal.



Jeff Roach
Assistant Secretary
Executive, Planning and Evaluation Branch

Date

5/3/14

Payment Request

Approved

Summary Information

Reference No: AP271581C
Total Cost: 18,150.00
AUD - Australian dollar
Approved: Yes

Document Creator: Glenn Morrison
Creation Date: 29/05/2014
Division: EXB
Phone/Ext. Number: 2418
Request Type: ☐ IT Purchase ☒ non-IT Purchase

Invoice No: 207
Invoice Date: 07/05/2014
Invoice Received Date: 08/05/2014

Special Instructions:
Approver: Suzanne Kuhl/People/DFATL

- ☒ View List of Australian Vendors (fast)
☐ Search the Entire Vendor List (for foreign vendors)

Company Code: 1000 - DFAT - Departmental

Vendor Code: 0004053711
Vendor Name: Stoeckel Group Pty Ltd
Street: 132 McKeahnie Lane
Suburb or Town: SUTTON
State: NSW
Postcode: 2620

ABN: 59170071745

Withholding Tax Code:

Payment Terms: 0028

Payment Methods: T

Hint: Click on the adjacent button to view a list of vendors.

Payment Method: ☒ T - Vendor-Direct Credit

Note: If the payment is to be made with Payment Terms other than those above, please give details in the Special Instructions field (on the General Information tab)

Summary of Items

No.	Short Description	Tax	GL Code	CC/IO/WBS	Quantity	Cost	Currency
1	*Speechwriting services -	A1	21985	Z3003	1	18,150.00	AUD
Total:						18,150.00	

In Accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, for Invoices totalling \$1,000.00 and over appropriate substantiating documentation such as documentation must be attached to the invoice before it is sent to the Accounts Unit for payment.

All payments relating to the provision of goods / services with a value of \$10000.00 AUD or above MUST be entered in the Central Contract Austender in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

Select list of contracts

☒ Current Contracts

☐ Expired / non-current Contracts

Contract Number:

CN120314-EXBEXB0019

(click button for pop-up menu)

Fiscal Year:

2014

Please select one of the following:

Austender Reporting Blocking codes,
or select "Previously Gazetted" or "Not
Blocked"

- NOT BLOCKED

Please select the Contract Number from the pop-up menu above for contracts which have already been entered in the Contracts Database (CCD), or register the contract details in the CCD and attempt again. For CC procurement@dfat.gov.au.

STOECKEL GROUP Pty Ltd

ABN 59 170 071 745
DFAT vendor number

To Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R.G. Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
Barton ACT 0221 Australia

Date: 7 May 2014

Invoice no.: 00207

Regulation 9 Approval

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TAX INVOICE

Project name:	Speech for Minister Andrew Robb
Client contact:	Glenn Morrison (Glenn.Morrison@dfat.gov.au)
Provider Contact:	Andrew Stoeckel, [abstoeckel@gmail.com]

Professional fees: March, April, May 2014, 5.5 days @ \$3000/day \$16,500.00

Disbursements: nil

Sub-total \$16,500.00

GST \$ 1,650.00

Total \$18,150.00

Please pay within 30 days of date of invoice

Bank account details

Name: Stoeckel Group Pty Ltd

Bank:

BSB:

Account:

Swift Code: NATA AU3302S

Payment Request

Approved

Summary Information

Reference No: AP273356C
Total Cost: 6,600.00
AUD - Australian
dollar
Approved: Yes

Document Creator: Glenn Morrison
Creation Date: 26/06/2014
Division: EXB
Phone/Ext. Number: 2418
Request Type: ☐ IT Purchase ☒ non-IT Purchase
Invoice No: 213
Invoice Date: 23/06/2014
Invoice Received Date: 23/06/2014
Special Instructions:
Approver: Suzanne Kuhl/People/DFATL

☒ View List of Australian Vendors (fast)
☐ Search the Entire Vendor List (for foreign vendors)

Company Code: 1000 - DFAT - Departmental

Vendor Code: 0004053711
Vendor Name: Stoeckel Group Pty Ltd
Street: 132 McKeahnie Lane
Suburb or Town: SUTTON
State: NSW
Postcode: 2620

ABN: 59170071745

Withholding Tax Code:

Payment Terms: 0028

Payment Methods: T

Hint: Click on the adjacent button to view a list of vendors.

Payment Method: ☒ T - Vendor-Direct Credit

Note: If the payment is to be made with Payment Terms other than those above, please give details in the Special Instructions field (on the General Information tab)

Summary of Items

No.	Short Description	Tax	GL Code	CC/IO/WBS	Quantity	Cost	Currency
1	*Speechwriting services -	A1	0000021985	Z3003	1	6,600.00	AUD
Total:						6,600.00	

In Accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, for invoices totalling \$1,000.00 and over appropriate substantiating documentation such as documentation must be attached to the invoice before it is sent to the Accounts Unit for payment.

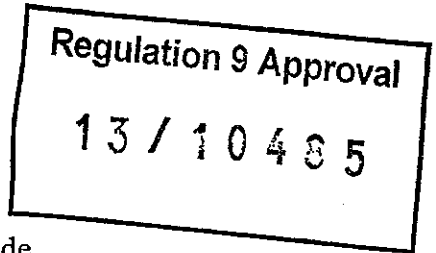
All payments relating to the provision of goods / services with a value of \$10000.00 AUD or above MUST be entered in the Central Contracts Austender in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

Fiscal Year: 2014

STOECKEL GROUP Pty Ltd

"Majura Vale", 132 McKeahnie Lane
SUTTON NSW 2620

ABN 59 170 071 745
DFAT vendor number 4053711



To Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R.G. Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
Barton ACT 0221 Australia

Date: 23 June 2014

Invoice no.: 00213

TAX INVOICE

Project name:	Speech for Minister Andrew Robb
Client contact:	Glenn Morrison (Glenn.Morrison@dfat.gov.au)
Provider Contact:	Andrew Stoeckel, [abstoeckel@gmail.com] 0417348610

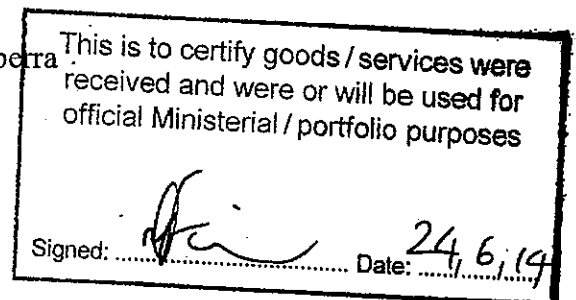
Professional fees:	
May 2014, 2 days @ \$3000/day	\$6000.00
Disbursements:	nil

Sub -total	\$6,000.00
GST	\$ 600.00
Total	\$6,600.00

Please pay within 30 days of date of invoice

Bank account details

Name: Stoeckel Group Pty Ltd
Bank: National Australia Bank, London Circuit, Canberra
BSB: 082-902
Account: 83-588-8925
Swift Code: NATA AU3302S



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Question No 32

Program: DFAT

Topic: Australian citizenship discussion paper - 34T

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: It is the discussion paper on citizenship, about which there has been some discussion in the media and by ministers, including, I think, the Foreign Minister. I would like to know what DFAT's involvement was in the preparation of that paper.

Mr Varghese: I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: You do not have any knowledge?

Mr Varghese: I am not aware that we were involved in it, but let me take it on notice.

Senator WONG: Shall I just give you some questions then? Was DFAT consulted about the citizenship policy approaches that underpin the paper? Were DFAT officials involved in or consulted about the development of the discussion paper? Did any DFAT officer receive the discussion paper or any draft for any comments at any time prior to its release? Were there any interdepartmental meetings at which this matter was discussed? Was there any briefing of the minister's office in relation to the discussion paper? Are you going to take all of them on notice? There is someone hovering behind you who might be able to help.

Mr Varghese: No. We will take all of that on notice.

Senator WONG: So you are taking all those questions on notice? I was reading off a document and changing them a little, so the grammar might not be so good, but I am sure you will manage.

[...]

Senator DASTYARI: Mr Varghese, have you, since that point, provided any

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additional—I am trying to find the appropriate word—information or briefing to the minister? Has the minister sought or received or did PM&C seek or receive any additional information relating to the issues of statelessness since this discussion paper was issued?

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

Answer

Was DFAT consulted about the citizenship policy approaches that underpin the paper? Yes.

Were DFAT officials involved in or consulted about the development of the discussion paper? No.

Did any DFAT officer receive the discussion paper or any draft for any comments at any time prior to its release? No.

Were there any interdepartmental meetings at which this matter was discussed? Not as far as DFAT is aware.

Was there any briefing of the minister's office in relation to the discussion paper? DFAT did not brief Minister Bishop's office on the discussion paper.

Has the minister sought or received or did PM&C seek or receive any additional information relating to the issues of statelessness since this discussion paper was issued? Yes, as regards Minister Bishop.

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Question No 33

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - 38T

Question on Notice

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: This is a request for an updated table like the one provided in budget estimates 2014, question on notice 304. It included the following information on Minister Bishop and Minister Robb's travel, but this time the period is from January 2014 to the present time.

- (1) How many days did the ministers spend in country?**
- (2) Did he or she travel on commercial or RAAF VIP flights?**
- (3) What was the purpose of the visit?**
- (4) How many staff were with him or her? Which staff members travelled with him or her?**
- (5) Do the staff members work in his office or the Prime Minister's office?**
- (6) Who did she or he meet in country?**
- (7) What were the outcomes of the meetings?**
- (8) And what was the total cost of the trip?**

It is on notice, if you like. If we could have an updated table based on the 2014 request.

Mr Varghese: We will take that on notice.

[...]

Senator DASTYARI: Since February—in the past four months. I assume this may have been asked last night, but was a complete list provided last night of all the minister's travel for the past six months?

Mr Roach: That was raised simply as a question on notice. It was asked for us to take on notice.

Senator DASTYARI: So that was not provided last night?

Senator Brandis: It can be provided and it will be provided.

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Answer

In relation to Ms Bishop:

Answers to (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7) are in the table below.

(2) The mode of transport to each country listed has been aeroplane.

(5) All advisers who travelled with Ms Bishop worked in Ms Bishop's office.

(8) Costs and details for Ms Bishop's travel are available from the Department of Finance, which is responsible for the cost of airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals, ground transport, non-portfolio-related hospitality and miscellaneous incidentals for Ministers and their staff.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
France	31 May to 4 June 2015	5	<u>Paris</u> : 31 May to 2 June 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paris: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs, France; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Germany; Prime Minister, Iraq; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia; Deputy Secretary of State, United States; Foreign Secretary, United Kingdom. Met with President of Foreign Affairs Commission, France; General John Allen. Launched Australian Dance Focus; delivered keynote address to World Gas Conference. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Singapore, Republic of Korea and Japan	20 to 24 May 2015	5	<u>Singapore</u> : 20 May 2015 <u>Seoul</u> : 20-22 May 2015 <u>Tokyo</u> : 22-23 May 2015 <u>Iwaki</u> : 23 May 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singapore: Met with Prime Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs. Formal handing over of koalas to Singapore for its 50th anniversary of independence, and opening of koala exhibit at the Singapore Zoo. - Seoul: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs; President of the Republic of Korea; Minister for National Defense; National Security Adviser; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Strategy and Finance. Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mexico; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Turkey; Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee. Met with Commander United States Forces Korea/Combined Forces Command/United Nations Command for a UN Command brief. Attended lunch with National Assembly leadership; Lunch with Chairman of the Saenuri Party; speech at Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Attended Official dinner for MIKTA Ministers; MIKTA Ministerial Retreat; lunch hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. 			

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- Iwaki: Attended Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM7).			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Pakistan and Thailand	5 to 9 May 2015	5	<u>Islamabad</u> : 6-7 May 2015 <u>Lahore</u> : 7 May 2015 <u>Bangkok</u> : 8 May 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Islamabad: Met with Prime Minister; Interior Minister; Minister for Planning and Development; Chief of Army Staff. Attended lunch hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs; attended dinner celebrating Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality in Pakistan. Met with Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs; think tanks and journalists; Country Director, World Bank. - Lahore: Met with Chief Minister. Attended dinner hosted by Chief Minister. - Bangkok: Met with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister; Prime Minister. Met with former Prime Ministers Abhisit Vejjajiva; Yingluck Shinawatra; attended lunch hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. Attended breakfast meeting with Australian and Thai business; launch of New Colombo Plan; dinner with women leaders from business and civil society. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
India, Netherlands, Iran, France, Germany and Belgium	12 to 27 April 2015	16	<u>New Delhi</u> : 12-16 April 2015 <u>Chennai</u> : 15 April 2015 <u>The Hague</u> : 16-17 April 2015 <u>Tehran</u> : 17-19 April 2015 <u>Paris</u> : 19-21 April 2015 <u>Berlin</u> : 21-22 April 2015 <u>Brussels</u> : 22 – 25 April 2015 <u>Ieper</u> : 24 April 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Delhi: Met with Minister of State of Culture and Tourism and Minister of State for Civil Aviation; Minister of Finance; Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; Minister of Defence. Attended Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue; working luncheon hosted by Minister of External Affairs. Delivered luncheon address (The Indo Pacific Oration); attended Aga Khan Foundation - Nizamuddin Basti Urban Renewal Initiative; viewing of Ramayana miniatures; attended dinner with Indian leaders. Attended Senior Editors' Roundtable with Indian and visiting Australian Journalists; Woolmark Fashion Event; met with Delhi-based Australian correspondents; delivered address at St Stephen's College, Delhi University, to promote Australian education and the New Colombo Plan - Chennai: Met with Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu; senior Sri Lankan Tamil camp leaders. Visited DAP project; attended lunch with Chennai business elite; Reception for Indo-Australia Chamber Commerce (IACC) Silver Jubilee, including Australian Alumni. Met with Mr SC Chandrahasan; met with Vice Chairperson 			

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GVK Group and MD GVK Group (Australia).

- **The Hague:** Met with Prime Minister of the Netherlands; Foreign Minister of the Netherlands; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine. Attended Global Conference on Cyberspace 2015. Met with President and Chief Executive Officer, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers; attended breakfast meeting with Senior Vice President and Vice President, Cisco Systems; met with Australian cyberspace stakeholders
- **Tehran:** Met with President; Foreign Minister; Secretary, Supreme National Security Council; International Affairs Adviser to the Supreme Leader, & President, Centre for Strategic Research, Expediency Council. Held Press Conference with Foreign Minister; attended lunch hosted by Foreign Minister; toured Tajrish Bazaar; dinner with representatives of Iran-Australia Chamber of Commerce.
- **Paris:** Met with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development; Vice President of the UMP opposition party; Secretary of State for Development and Francophonie. Met with intelligence chiefs and National Intelligence Coordinator; Director-General, UNESCO; CEO Danone; Executive Director in charge of Social Responsibility, Orange. Attended lunch with Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research; lunch with commentators on ISIL in the Middle East; presented Australian cartoon to staff of Charlie Hebdo; attended Reception with Australian Business in Europe (ABIE) members; dinner showcasing Australian Achievers in Paris. Opened 5th floor of Australian Embassy; launched Tourism banner on external façade of the Embassy.
- **Berlin:** Met with Foreign Minister; State Secretary, Interior Ministry; Head of International Counter-terrorism Section; Minister of State Foreign Office. Attended working lunch meeting hosted by Foreign Minister.
- **Brussels:** Met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Security and Home Affairs; First Vice-President and European Commissioner for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights; EU Commissioner for Trade; Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development; NATO Secretary General. Met with NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security; Meeting with Parliamentary Delegation on Australia and New Zealand; Addressed 28 Allied Permanent Representatives to the North Atlantic Council (NAC). Attended working dinner with EU High Representative; signed Crisis Management Agreement; attended Business roundtable and dinner hosted by the European Australian Business Council (EABC); attended lunch with NATO officials and permanent representatives.
- **Ieper:** Attended pre-Menin Gate ceremony reception; attended Last Post evening ceremony; attended ANZAC Day Dawn Service; attended Zonnebeke Mayoral Reception and Breakfast; attended Tyne Cot Commemoration Service; attended ceremony for collection of sacred soil for planned commemorative garden at the Australian War Memorial; attended Last Post Association Commemoration Service; attended Ieper Mayoral Reception; attended ANZAC Day lunch; attended Toronto Avenue Commemoration Service.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
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Kiribati, Cook Islands and Tonga	31 March to 2 April 2015	3	<u>Tarawa</u> : 1 April 2015 <u>Rarotonga</u> : 31 March 2015 <u>Nuku'alofa</u> : 1 -2 April 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tarawa: Met with President of Kiribati. Attended State House dinner hosted by President; met with representatives from Kiribati Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ANZ Bank to discuss private sector development; tour of Te Meeria Mental Health Ward for ground breaking ceremony; tour of Te Atinimarawa Maneaba for women micro-enterprise unit; Inspection of workshops at Kiribati Institute of Technology and 'Micronesian Magic' virtual enterprise; tour of Bareaumai Primary School. - Rarotonga: Met with Prime Minister; Ministry of Agriculture and Environment; Minister of Finance; Minister of Internal Affairs; Speaker of the Parliament; Queen's Representative. Attended joint media conference with Prime Minister; attended afternoon tea with members and affiliates of Cook Islands National Council of Women; attended launch of New Colombo Plan. - Nuku'alofa: Met with Prime Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management, Meteorology, and Information and Communications; Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Services and Minister for Commerce, Tourism and Labour; Minister of Finance and National Planning; Minister for Health; Minister of Agriculture, Food, Forests and Fisheries; Minister for Lands, Survey and Natural Resources; Minister for His Majesty's Armed Forces; Minister for Internal Affairs; Minister for Revenue and Customs. Attended joint media conference with Prime Minister; visited Nuku'alofa Central Police Station; visited Women and Children's Crisis Centre; visited ACIAR funded pearl oyster farm project; toured Naval Base; toured Fua'amotu Heal Centre. Attended lunch with CEO Tonga Power, Market Access Coordinator Pacific Horticultural Agricultural Market Access; Managing Director Nishi Trading; CEO for Tonga Chamber of Commerce and Industries; General Manager Tonga Tourism Authority; CEO ANZ Tonga, General Manager Tonga Development Bank; General Manager Mainstreaming of Rural Tonga Development Innovations, CEO Minister of Finance and National Planning. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Vanuatu	22 March 2015	1	<u>Port Vila</u> : 22 March 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Vila: Met with Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade; Prime Minister; Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment and Energy. Attended briefing by Crisis Coordinator and Emergency Response Team; attended lunch with Australian volunteers; toured National Disaster Management Office; toured Urban Search and Rescue and Met with personnel; toured Port Vila – Freshwota, Namburu, Seven Star, Agathis. Met with Australian Lattitude volunteers; met with Director-General, Department of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment and Energy. 			

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New Zealand	26 to 28 February 2015	3	<u>Auckland</u> : 26-28 February 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auckland: Met with Minister for Pacific Peoples; Minister for Pacific Island Affairs; Minister for Foreign Affairs. Attended Pacific Economic Development Roundtable; Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum. Attended lunch hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs; Trans-Tasman dinner. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United States, Afghanistan and United Arab Emirates	19 to 28 January 2015	10	<u>Washington</u> : 19 to 22 January 2015 <u>New York</u> : 22 to 24 January 2015 <u>Kabul</u> : 26 January 2015 <u>Dubai</u> : 25 to 27 January 2015 <u>Abu Dhabi</u> : 27 January 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Washington: Met with Vice-President of the United States; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; National Security Advisor; Secretary of State; Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Met with Director of National Security Agency; Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Director of National Intelligence; Executive Director United States Global Development Laboratory USAID. Attended briefing with CIA Analysts; attended development roundtable on 'Promoting the Private Sector's Role in Development'; attended reception hosted by Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; attended State of the Union address; attended Women's Foreign Policy Group breakfast; attended informal luncheon with US Studies Centre/Alliance 21/Brookings representatives; delivered keynote address to Brookings Institution. Met with USSC students and congressional interns; attended reception for Alliance 21 conference/opening of ANZAC Centenary Exhibition. Toured National Security Agency facilities; toured Global Development Laboratory. - New York: Met with Global Chairman, Technology, Media and Telecommunications Investment Banking, JP Morgan Chase and Co; Founder and CEO of Bloomberg; Senior Director Asia Pacific International Government Relations ExxonMobil Corporation; Head of Global Value Team, First Eagle Investment Management. Attended reception with Australian and US business and arts community; attended 'Bring Your Own American' dinner; attended ceremonial lighting of the Empire State Building in Green and Gold; attended Australian Outlook luncheon and delivered keynote address. Attended site visit to GILT Group and Met with CEO GILT Group; attended Australian American Association Australia Day Black Tie dinner. - Kabul: Met with Government CEO; President of Afghanistan; Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs; Major-General Mulhall (JTF636). Attended roundtable on 			

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<p>Women's Empowerment; Australia Day afternoon tea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dubai: Attended Arab Health Reception. - Abu Dhabi: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs; Minister for Youth, Culture and Community Development. Met with CEO of Etihad Airways. Attended roundtable with Australian Business Representatives. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Papua New Guinea	14 to 18 December 2014	5	<p><u>Port Moresby:</u> 14 to 15 and 17 to 18 December 2014</p> <p><u>Bougainville:</u> 16 to 17 December 2014</p> <p><u>Goroka:</u> 18 December 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Moresby: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; Minister for National Planning; Minister for Public Service; Minister for Religion, Youth and Community Development; Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS; Minister for Defence; Minister for Finance and Treasury; Minister for Mining and Natural Resources; Minister for Community Development; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Minister for Police and Corrections; Minister for Justice. Attended Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Dialogue; attended Australia-Papua New Guinea Ministerial Forum; attended joint press conference with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; attended dinner with business representatives. Signed Memorandum of Understanding for Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct. Attended dinner hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; attended lunch hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; attended Australia-Papua New Guinea Ministerial Forum Reception; attended lunch hosted by Speaker of the House of Representatives. - Bougainville: Met with President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government; met with Panguna Peacebuilding Strategy office staff; met with Women's Micro-Finance business office; briefing and tour by Tinputz District Administration on Australia's road maintenance assistance; roundtable discussion with Bougainville Women's Federation. Launched GIF-funded community mobile radio 'Radio Ples Laen'; inspected Police Training Centre and barracks. - Goroka: Met with Governor of Goroka. Tour of Goroka markets; tour of safe house; tour of Monpi Exports Factory (CARE coffee program); briefing by Coordinator of Goroka Family Support Centre; visited Buk Bilong Pikinini at University of Goroka; launched ACIAR 'Maria's Family' books. Attended lunch hosted by Governor of Goroka. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Peru	8 to 12 December 2014	5	<p><u>Lima:</u> 8 to 12 December 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lima: Met with Minister of Trade and Minister for Climate Change Issues and Associate Minister for Foreign Affairs, New Zealand; Vice Chair National 			

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Development and Reform Commission, China; Minister for the Environment, Planning and Energy, Portugal; Special Envoy for Climate Change and Energy, United States; Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, United Kingdom; Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, India; Minister of Environment and Urbanisation, Turkey; Minister for the Environment, Finland; President of Peru; Foreign Minister, Peru; Trade Minister, Peru. Attended opening of joint high-level segment of COP20; high-level ministerial dialogue on Climate Finance; Education Roundtable discussion; bilateral reception and announcement of COALAR funded surfing scholarship; working breakfast with Peruvian Women; Official opening of the Australian Embassy, Lima; luncheon hosted by President of Peru; high-level ministerial dialogue on the New Agreement; delivered National Statement in high-level segment of the COP plenary. Chaired the Umbrella Group Ministerial Meeting at COP20; delivered remarks at Carbon Market Institute event. Hosted reception with Minister Robb for Australian COP stakeholders; hosted dinner with Minister Robb for Umbrella Group Ministers from Canada, Indonesia, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United States	18 to 23 November 2014	6	<u>New York</u> : 18 to 21 November 2014 No. of advisers: 2

- **New York:** Met with UN Secretary-General; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Timor-Leste; UN Under Secretary General for Safety and Security; UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Ebola. Chaired UN Security Council Open Debate on Counter-Terrorism and delivered National Statement; chaired UN Security Council Briefing on Peacekeeping Operations (UN Policing) and delivered national statement; Briefed Global Governance Group on G20 outcomes; Chaired UN Security Council meeting on Ebola and delivered national statement. Hosted UN Security Council monthly lunch with UN Secretary-General and Permanent Representatives. Met with founder of Schwarzman Scholars Program; Permanent Representative to the United Nations of Malaysia; Permanent Representative to the United Nations of the United States.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
China	6 to 11 November 2014	7	<u>Beijing</u> : 6 to 8 November 2014; 9 to 10 November 2014 <u>Chengdu</u> : 8 to 9 November 2014 No. of advisers: 2

- **Beijing:** Met with Foreign Minister of China; State Councillor for Foreign Affairs, China; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea; Minister for Foreign Affairs,

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<p>Papua New Guinea; Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Chile; Secretary of State, United States; Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Thailand; Vice Chairman Xie Zhenhua. Attended the APEC Ministerial Meetings; APEC Ministerial meeting welcome dinner; APEC Foreign Ministers' informal breakfast meeting; lunch with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan; Griffin Mining 20th Anniversary event. Met with Australian APEC Youth Forum delegates. Attended Climate Change Dialogue Briefing; Climate Change Dialogue Meeting; Climate Change Dialogue Working Lunch.</p> <p>- Chengdu: Met with Sichuan Party Secretary; Vice Governor of Sichuan Province; Acting Mayor of Chengdu. Attended Australian Business Roundtable; opened new offices for Open Place Design; lunch hosted by Sichuan Party Secretary; opened Australian Consulate Office, Chengdu; presented award to winners of Panda Koala Speech Competition.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Fiji	30 October to 2 November	4	<p><u>Suva</u>: 31 October to 1 November 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 2</p>
<p>- Suva: Met with Prime Minister; Foreign Minister; Speaker of the Parliament; Secretary-General to the Parliament; Leader of the Opposition; Minister for Public Enterprise, Trade and Tourism; Assistant Minister for Health; President of the National Federation Party. Attended launch of APTC-USP Partnership and opening of Pacific Fusions Training Restaurant; reception hosted by Foreign Minister; breakfast with FABC and AFBC Executive Council; Development Showcase – MDF; closing session of the FABC Conference; lunch with Fijian Women Parliamentarians. Met with A/g Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Italy and Iraq	15 to 20 October 2014	6	<p><u>Milan</u>: 15 to 17 October 2014</p> <p><u>Baghdad</u>: 18 to 19 October 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 2</p>
<p>- Milan: Met with Prime Minister of Vietnam; Prime Minister of Italy; President of the European Commission; President of the European Council; Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; Prime Minister of Netherlands; Minister of State of United Kingdom; Prime Minister of Cambodia; Minister of State of India. Attended Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM); attended dinner hosted by President of Italy. Met with representatives of Intesa Sanpaolo, Ghella, Mapei and Salini Impregilo; CEO of Finmeccanica. Attended Women in Economic Diplomacy/Business Leaders afternoon tea.</p> <p>- Baghdad: Met with President of Iraq; Prime Minister of Iraq; Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament; Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq. Attended roundtable with Minority Groups; dinner with diplomatic community.</p>			

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United States	18 to 25 September 2014	8	<u>New York</u> : 18 to 23 September 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<p>- New York: Met with Foreign Ministers of the Netherlands, Malaysia, Jordan, Japan, Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Marshall Islands; United Arab Emirates; Argentina; Lithuania, Bangladesh, Iraq, Republic of Korea, Thailand; President of the World Bank Group; UN Commissioner for Human Rights; Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on National Security and Foreign Affairs. Attended Australia-Gulf Cooperation Council Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Delivered national statement at UN Security Council meeting on MH17; national statement at UN Security Council meeting on Iraq; statement at Major Economies Forum Foreign Ministers' Segment. Attended Climate Summit 2014; MDG Countdown event and launch of the Global Innovation Fund; 5th High Level meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum; High level meeting on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; International Conference on Population and Development; Equal Futures Partnership Side Event; UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Attended dinner with deputy editors of Wall Street Journal; dinner with Mr Michael Bloomberg. Various media interviews. Attended the opening of United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Met with President of International Crisis Group; President of International Committee of the Red Cross; World Jewish Congress and other Jewish Organisations; United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; representative of World Bank; former US President Bill Clinton and witness signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Clinton Health Access Initiative.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
South Africa, Madagascar and Mauritius	10 to 16 September 2014	7	<u>Pretoria</u> : 11 to 12 September 2014 <u>Antananarivo</u> : 12 to 13 September 2014 <u>Port Louis</u> : 13 to 15 September 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<p>- Pretoria: Met with Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. Attended breakfast roundtable on women's economic and social empowerment in South Africa; roundtable with South African Think-tanks; lunch hosted by Minister of International Relations and Cooperation; afternoon tea and tree planting with Mrs Lisa Wilson in memory of HE Mr Graeme Wilson; business dinner with G20 focus. Met with Australia Awards and Extractives Study Tour Alumni and Q&A; addressed Australian volunteers and LEAD South Africa representatives.</p> <p>- Antananarivo: Met with Prime Minister and Minister for Health of Madagascar; President of Madagascar; Foreign Minister of Madagascar; Minister for Strategic</p>			

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<p>Resources. Attended launch of Australian Doctors for Africa Project; reception to Launch Masters Scholarships, Alumni Association and Alumni Ambassadors; breakfast briefing with Australian Mining Companies and Chamber of Mines; launch of Extractives for Growth Project. Attended dinner hosted by Foreign Minister of Madagascar.</p> <p>- Port Louis: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mauritius; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Seychelles; Gender Minister, Mauritius. Attended dinner hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs; working lunch with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Seychelles; dinner with Gender Minister. Visited Reef Conservation Society; attended launch of Australian training on good agricultural practices, organic farming and sustainable livestock husbandry for women; launch of Australian Alumni Association.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United Kingdom	3 to 6 September 2014	4	<u>Bristol/Newport</u> : 3 to 5 September 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<p>- Newport: Met with Dutch Foreign Minister; Norwegian Foreign Minister; Canadian Prime Minister; King of Jordan; President of Ukraine; Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Greek Foreign Minister; NATO Secretary General designate; French Foreign Minister; Latvian Foreign Minister. Attended NATO meeting on Afghanistan. Attended reception for Allied and Partner Heads of State; reception hosted by Prince of Wales; Informal dinner hosted by United Kingdom Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer; breakfast meeting hosted by United Kingdom and United States Heads of Delegation; lunch hosted by Chief of Secret Intelligence Service; held discussions with Director British Security Services followed by Ministerial special briefing.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Samoa	31 August to 2 September 2014	3	<u>Apia</u> : 31 August to 2 September 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<p>- Apia: Met with Prime Minister of Samoa; Foreign Minister of New Zealand; Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan. Attended the Private Sector Partnerships Forum; Pacific Financial Inclusion Program Launch; UN SIDS Conference Opening Ceremony; dinner with Pacific Island Leaders; UN SIDS Conference; Carnival Cruises reception with Vanuatu Prime Minister; State dinner hosted by Samoan Head of State. Held a bilateral lunch meeting with the President of Nauru; Bilateral meeting with the Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel; Bilateral Meeting with Foreign Minister of Antigua and Barbuda; Foreign Minister of Papua New Guinea.</p>			
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Indonesia	28 to 29 August 2014	2	<u>Bali</u> : 28 to 29 August 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<p>- Bali: Met with President of Indonesia; Foreign Minister of Indonesia; Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs. Signed joint understanding on a Code of Conduct. Held joint press conference with Indonesian Foreign Minister. Met with Director General United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. Attended afternoon tea with Bali-based alumni of Australia's scholarships program and Australian volunteers based in Bali; reception with business community.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Singapore	21 to 23 August 2014	3	<u>Singapore</u> : 21 to 23 August 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<p>- Singapore: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs; Prime Minister; Senior Minister of State. Attended SAJMC Ministerial Meeting; SAJMC breakfast; AustCham Business dinner; SAJMC Official lunch hosted by Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong; Alumni Reception; lunch with Senior Minister of State; roundtable with Australian Business leaders. Visited Kranji Commonwealth War Cemetery; laid wreath. Signed Memorandum of Understanding CSIRO and SIMTech. Held discussions with Prominent Women Leaders and hosted morning tea. Media interviews with Channel NewsAsia; Straits Times.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Burma	8 to 11 August 2014	4	<u>Nay Pyi Taw</u> : 8 to 11 August 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<p>- Nay Pyi Taw: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, PNG; Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Philippines; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia; External Affairs Minister, India; Acting Foreign Minister (Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Thailand; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Darussalam; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Minister of Foreign Affairs, China; Minister of External Affairs, Sri Lanka; President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Attended the 4th Friends of Lower Mekong Ministerial Meeting; dinner hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Myanmar; ASEAN-Australia Ministerial Meeting; 4th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting; 21st ASEAN Regional Forum Retreat Session; Reception for Australia Awards Alumni, Australian Volunteers and Alumni of Australian Universities. Attended South West Pacific Dialogue; working dinner and briefing by Embassy Staff.</p>			
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United States, Netherlands and Ukraine	19 July to 2 August 2014	15	<p><u>Washington</u>: 20 July 2014 <u>New York</u>: 21 to 22 July 2014 <u>The Hague</u>: 23 to 24 July and 25 to 27 July 2014 <u>Kiev</u>: 24 to 25 July and 27 July to 1 August 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Washington: Met with Director CIA; Director of National Intelligence. Discussion with Deputy Secretary of State. - New York: Met with Dutch Foreign Minister; Chef de Cabinet to UN Secretary General; Under Secretary General for Political Affairs; US Permanent Representative to the UN; Permanent Representative of Russia to the UN; Rwandan Permanent Representative to the UN; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg; Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN. Attended UN Security Council meeting to adopt Australian led resolution on downing of flight MH17 and deliver National Statement; joint Press Conference with Dutch Foreign Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Germany; US Secretary of Defense; Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands. - The Hague: Attended memorial ceremony for the arrival of MH17 victims at Eindhoven Air Force Base; attended informal reception; attended ceremony for the arrival of MH17 victims; joint press conference with Dutch Foreign Minister. - Kiev: Met with President of Ukraine and Foreign Minister. Attended Ukraine Parliament. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Burma and Laos	1 to 6 July 2014	5	<p><u>Rangoon</u>: 2 to 4 July 2014 <u>Nay Pyi Taw</u>: 3 July 2014 <u>Vientiane</u>: 4 to 5 July 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rangoon: Attended lunch on economic development in Burma; roundtable meeting with Australian business representatives; roundtable meeting with Rohingya community leaders; roundtable meeting with Rakhine community leaders; dinner with key Burma analysts and commentators; lunch on the empowerment of women in Burma. Visited Centre of Excellence for Business Skills; Australian supported Teacher Training College and School. - Nay Pyi Taw: Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Minister for Education; Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; Speaker of the Parliament; Minister for National Planning and Economic Development. - Vientiane: Met with Prime Minister; President of the National Assembly; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Minister of Industry and Commerce. Attended lunch hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; joint launch of new Australian basic education program; Australian Business roundtable; dinner with senior Lao women leaders. Visited UXO Visitor Centre of the Cooperated Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise; Hom Neua Primary School. 			

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Japan	10 to 14 June 2014	5	<u>Tokyo</u> : 11 to 13 June 2014 <u>Akashi</u> : 13 June 2014 <u>Osaka</u> : 13 June 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tokyo: Met with 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. 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, Toured UN Command (Rear) and Japan Air Defence Command, Met with President of Japan International Cooperation Agency; Chairman Emeritus Central Japan Rail Company - Akashi: Site visit to Kawasaki Heavy Industries - Osaka: Met with Governor of Hyogo Prefecture; attended dinner with Kansai Economic Federation. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Papua New Guinea	7 to 9 May 2014	3	<u>Port Moresby</u> : 7 to 9 May 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Moresby: Met with Prime Minister; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; Minister for Justice and Attorney General; Minister for Education. Attended Joint Minister Forum to oversee implementation of the Refugee Resettlement Arrangement; lunch for Ministers and Senior Officials; Opening of Australian funded Midwifery Centre at Pacific Adventist University; dinner hosted by Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Council; breakfast hosted by Minister for National Planning and Monitoring; Opening of the Buk Bilong Pikinini Library at Tatana Island. Met with Chief Migration Officer; Director General Border Security; Manager, Special Projects Manus RPC; Principal Legal Officer;. Signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Sports Commission, the National Rugby League and the PNG Department of Education. Toured Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Jordan, Lebanon and France	20 April to 27 April 2014	8	<u>Amman</u> : 21 April 2014 <u>Beirut</u> : 21 to 22 April 2014 <u>Paris</u> and <u>Amiens</u> : 23 to 25 April 2014 No. of advisers: 2

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- **Amman:** Met with King Abdullah of Jordan; Prime Minister and Minister for Defence; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates. Attended tour of UNHCR Registration Centre with Reuters; lunch hosted by Foreign Minister; joint press conference. Met with UNHCR Representative; Director of the General Intelligence Department.
- **Beirut:** Met with President of Lebanon; Prime Minister of Lebanon; President of the National Assembly; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants. Attended lunch with Foreign Minister; press conference with Foreign Minister; met with Deputy Head of UNICEF Lebanon.
- **Paris:** Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs; Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy; Minister for Overseas Territories. Attended breakfast with Minister for Foreign Affairs; joint press conference; briefing from Regional General Manager, Tourism Australia; Investment dinner hosted by Australian Ambassador; lunch with commentators on Middle East; Australia-France Tourism Industry Roundtable. Met with Leader of the Union for a Popular Movement; Diplomatic Trade and Security Adviser to Prime Minister.
- **Amiens:** Attended ANZAC Day services and activities; lunch with Australian VIPs. Presented the Sadlier-Stokes scholarships and attended concert.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Mexico	13 to 18 April 2014	6	<u>Mexico City:</u> 13 to 18 April 2014 No. of advisers: 2

- **Mexico City:** Met with Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs. Met with Foreign Ministers from Republic of Korea, Indonesia and Turkey, Indonesian Minister for National Development Planning Agency; Canadian Minister of International Development, UK Secretary of State for International Development. Attended dinner hosted by Mexican Foreign Minister; MIKTA retreat; Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Conference; lunch hosted by Mexican President; reception; Economic Diplomacy roundtable; reception hosted by Australian Ambassador. Met with 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.

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China and Japan	8 to 13 April 2014	6	<u>Sanya:</u> 9 to 10 April 2014 <u>Hiroshima:</u> 11 to 12 April 2014 No. of advisers: 2

- **Sanya:** Met with People's Republic of China Foreign Minister; Premier. Attended signing ceremony with the Prime Minister; attended delegation dinner; attended delegation briefing; attended Bo'ao Forum. Met with Timor Leste Prime Minister.
- **Hiroshima:** Met with Japanese Foreign Minister. Met with UAE Minister of State;

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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.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Netherlands, Switzerland and Poland	22 to 30 March 2014	9	<u>The Hague</u> : 22 to 25 March 2014 <u>Geneva</u> : 25 to 27 March 2014 <u>Neuchâtel</u> : 27 March 2014 <u>Zurich</u> : 28 March 2014 <u>Warsaw</u> : 28 to 29 March 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Hague: Met with Prime Minister of Netherlands; Minister of Foreign Trade and Development; Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. Met with Foreign Minister from Republic of Korea; Prime Minister of Singapore. Attended National Security Summit. Attended reception and working dinner hosted by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands. Met with 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. - Geneva: Met with 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. Attended Reception for senior Australians in the international system; roundtable meeting with ICRS representatives; luncheon roundtable with heads of Geneva-based Health agencies. Addressed the Conference on Disarmament plenary. - Neuchâtel: Met with President of the Swiss Confederation. Attended lunch hosted by President of the Swiss Confederation. - Zurich: Attended business reception for senior Swiss and Australian company executives. - Warsaw: Met with 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 with President Clean Energy; former Polish Prime Minister; Australian sponsor of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United Kingdom	7 to 14 March 2014	8	<u>London</u> : 7 to 14 March 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - London: Met with UK Foreign Minister; UK Defence Minister; Secretary of State for 			

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International Development. 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&A at Chatham House; Prime Minister's Questions; Reception hosted by Foreign Minister; Private dinner hosted by Foreign Minister. Briefing and tour of GCHQ. Presented Qantas Australian Woman of the Year in the UK Award. Meeting with Mayor of London; CEO BP.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Cambodia	16 to 23 February 2014	8	<u>Kuala Lumpur</u> : 16 to 17 February 2014 <u>Ho Chi Minh City</u> : 17 to 18 February <u>Hanoi</u> : 18 to 19 February 2014 <u>Manila</u> : 20 to 21 February 2014 <u>Phnom Penh</u> : 21 to 22 February 2014 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kuala Lumpur: Met with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education. Attended lunch hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs; attended foreign policy discussion with senior representatives of Malaysian think-tanks. Presented scholarships and gave speech at Education event. - Hanoi: Met with Prime Minister; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Industry and Trade, Minister of Planning and Investment, Minister of Public Security. Attended dinner hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs; attended lunch hosted by President of Vietnam Women's Union. - Ho Chi Minh City: Visited Australia-Vietnam Joint Transnational Crime Centre. - Manila: Met with President; Minister for Foreign Affairs; Minister for Trade. Attended the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting; reception with key business leaders and government officials; infrastructure business breakfast; Makati Business Club lunch. Signed Memorandum of Understanding with Asian Development Bank; launch of Australia-ASEAN 40th anniversary; Basic Education Sector Transformation launch. Met with Presidential adviser on Peace Process and officials; prominent Philippine women. - Phnom Penh: Met with Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. Attended working lunch with senior Cambodian Government advisers, commentators, Australian business and NGO interlocutors. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Fiji	14 to 15 February 2014	2	<u>Suva</u> : 14 to 15 February 2014 No. of advisers: 2

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- **Suva:** Attended the Ministerial Contact Group (MCG) meeting. Met with the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Attorney-General and other ministers for Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment; Minister for works, Transport and Public Utilities; Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation. Met with the Foreign Ministers of New Zealand, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea. Attended reception hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Met with New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs. Attended roundtable meetings with leaders from registered political parties and civil society organisations and trade unions. Attended afternoon tea with Fiji-Australia Business Council Executive Council members. Met with Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Papua New Guinea	5 to 6 February 2014	2	<u>Port Moresby:</u> 5 to 6 February 2014 <u>Lae:</u> 6 February 2014 No. of advisers: 1

- **Port Moresby:** Met with the Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration and other PNG Cabinet Ministers; Minister for Works and Implementation, Minister for Justice and Attorney-General, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring, Minister for National Events, Sports and Pacific Games; and Senior Public Servants in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Attended a lunch and roundtable (Women as Drivers of Economic Growth) with leading PNG Business women, Ministers and public servants. Visited Bomana War Cemetery and laid a wreath. Attended dinner hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration; with members of the PNG Business Council. Attended a business breakfast hosted by the President of the Australia-PNG Business Council.
- **Lae:** Visited Angau Hospital. Participated in foot patrol with PNG-Australia Policing Partnership officers at Lae Market. Attended lunch hosted by President of the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Honorary Australian Consul to Lae.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United States of America	19 to 29 January 2014	11	<u>Washington:</u> 19 to 23 January 2014 <u>New York:</u> 23 to 25 January 2014 <u>Chicago:</u> 25 to 26 January 2014 No. of advisers: 1

- **Washington:** Met with Senior US Public Servants, Trade Representatives, US National Security Adviser and Deputy National Security Adviser. Attended a roundtable with North Asia experts. Attended a roundtable on development issues (participants included USAid). Attended a Reception for Alliance 21 Conference

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and a dinner hosted by the Australian-American Leadership Dialogue.			
- New York: Met with the Global Governance Group (3G) on the G20 and representatives from Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Global Institute. Attended a reception with the Australian business community and a private dinner at the US Studies Centre. Met with Senior Vice President Trump Hotel Collection and CEO of Honeywell. Delivered keynote address at G'Day USA Australian Outlook Luncheon. Attended G'Day USA Black Tie dinner. Visited Westfield Redevelopment Project at the World Trade Centre.			
- Chicago: Attended the Peabody Energy & G'Day USA Australia Day Ball.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Israel	12 to 15 January 2014	4	Tel Aviv: 12 to 15 January 2014 No. of advisers: 1
- Jerusalem: Attended State Memorial Ceremony and funeral service for former Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Ariel Sharon. Met with Minister for Foreign Affairs.			

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In relation to Mr Robb:

Answers to (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7) are in the table below.

(2) The mode of transport to each country listed has been aeroplane.

(5) All advisers who travelled with Mr Robb worked in Mr Robb's office.

(8) Costs and details for Mr Robb's travel are available from the Department of Finance, which is responsible for the cost of airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals, ground transport, non-portfolio-related hospitality and miscellaneous incidentals for Ministers and their staff.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
India	21 to 25 June 2015	4	<u>New Delhi</u> : 21 to 24 June 2015 No. of advisers: 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Delhi: Met with the Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce and Industry and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. Attended the Australia-India CEO Forum Meeting and dinner for Australian CEO Forum members. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Singapore	17 to 27 May 2015	10	<u>Lae</u> : 17 to 18 May 2015 <u>Port Moresby</u> : 19 to 20 May 2015 <u>Manila</u> : 21 to 22 May 2015 <u>Boracay</u> : 23 to 24 May 2015 <u>Singapore</u> : 25 to 26 May 2015 No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lae: Led a business delegation to the Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Forum and Expo. Opened the Trade Expo at the Forum and attended pre-Forum and Official Forum dinners. Met with the PNG Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Commerce and Industry. Visited Newcrest Mining's Wafi-Golpu Joint Venture (WGJV) and Lae War Cemetery. - Port Moresby: Visited the Australia-Pacific Technical College, PNG LNG site, Motukea Island International Wharf and Bomana War Cemetery. Attended a reception with the business delegation and an Australia-PNG Business and Government Roundtable. Attended the official launch of International SOS and TropicAir partnership to provide enhanced air ambulance services to PNG and Australia. - Manila: Met with the Philippines Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Secretary to the Cabinet. Attended a business reception with the Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Philippines (ANZCHAM) and a Roundtable on the Philippines infrastructure agenda. Led a business delegation. 			

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- **Boracay:** attended the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting (MRT). Met with the Philippines Secretary for Trade and Industry, New Zealand Minister for Trade, Canadian Minister for International Trade, US Trade Representative, Malaysian Minister of International Trade and Industry, Korean Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy and Chilean Vice Minister of International Trade and Industry. Met with the Group Executive, Business Support and Improvement, Telstra.
- **Singapore:** Met with Minister for Trade and Industry and senior executives in Singapore industry. Attended an Australian Stock Exchange Event.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
India	21 to 25 April 2015	3	<u>Mumbai:</u> 22 April 2015 <u>New Delhi:</u> 23 to 24 April 2015 No. of advisers: 2

- **Mumbai:** Met with the Managing Director & CEO of Fitch India Ratings and the Chairman, CEO & MD of Mahindra Group. Attended Roundtables on services, investment and a Roundtable with Indian CEO Forum members. Attended a lunch hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- **New Delhi:** Met with the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Minister of State for Finance, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog. Attended a Roundtable with leading Indian economic think tanks. Participated in the Plenary session of the Global Exhibition on Services and attended a seminar on Australia. Conducted roundtables with key economic and trade journalists and Indian Chambers.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar	10 to 17 April 2015	6	<u>Dubai/Abu Dhabi:</u> 11 to 12 April 2015 <u>Kuwait City:</u> 13 April 2015 <u>Riyadh:</u> 14 to 15 April 2015 <u>Doha:</u> 16 April 2015 No. of advisers: 2

- **Dubai/Abu Dhabi:** Led a business delegation to Australia Unlimited Middle East North Africa (AU MENA). Met with UAE Minister of State for Financial Affairs, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, Acting Director General Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. Attended the AU MENA dinner, an alumni reception and a signing ceremony with Raine & Horne. Conducted FTA advocacy with business representatives.
- **Kuwait City:** Met with the Kuwait Minister of Finance, the Chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Managing Director of the Kuwait Investment Authority. Attended a reception with Australian and Kuwaiti business contacts.

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- **Riyadh:** Met with the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Minister of Agriculture, Vice Minister of Finance and GCC Coordinator General for FTA Negotiations, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Economy and Planning and Governor of the Saudi Chambers for the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA). Met with the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Attended an Australia Unlimited Networking Reception, meeting of the Saudi Arabia-Australia Joint Business Council and a Reception with Saudi Arabian alumni of Australian universities and Agriculture Investment Roundtable. Visited the Australian University stands at the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE). Led a business delegation.
- **Doha:** Met with the Qatar Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, Undersecretary of Economy and Commerce, Director of the Qatar Investment Authority and representatives of Qatar and Australian businesses and business groups.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Hong Kong	24 to 27 March 2015	3	<u>Hong Kong</u> : 24 to 27 March 2015 No. of advisers: 2

- **Hong Kong:** Delivered the keynote addresses at the Mines and Money Hong Kong Conference and Credit Suisse Asian Investor Conference (AIC) and attended the AIC Australia dinner. Attended an AustCham event and an investor roundtable lunch. Met with the Hong Kong Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, representatives of Credit Suisse in Australia, JD.com, Aquis, First Pacific, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, The Blackstone Group, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotel Group, Khazanah Nasional, Cheung Kong Group, Keppel Infrastructure Trust, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Far East Consortium International, China Merchants Group, China Southern Power Grid and China Southern Power Grid International.

Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
New Zealand, Canada and USA	25 February to 7 March 2015	9	<u>Christchurch</u> : 25 to 26 February 2015 <u>Auckland</u> : 27 to 28 February 2015 <u>Vancouver</u> : 1 March 2015 <u>Toronto</u> : 2 to 3 March <u>New York</u> : 4 to 5 March 2015 No. of advisers: 2

- **Christchurch:** Met with the Christchurch City Council, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Christchurch businesses. Led a business delegation.
- **Auckland:** Attended the Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum and Closer

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<p>Economic Relations (CER) Ministerial Meeting. Met with the New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development and Waterfront Auckland. Attended an Infrastructure Roundtable, an Economic Development Reception, ICC Cricket World Cup dinner and ICC Cricket World Cup game between Australia and New Zealand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vancouver: Met with CEOs and business leaders in technology industry. Met with bank executives and ABWI delegates. Attended Roundtables on tropical medicine & life sciences; resources & energy and financial services. - Toronto: Opened the Australian Pavilion at the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Conference (PDAC 2015). Met with the Canadian Minister of International Trade, Canadian Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Natural Resources, Ontario Minister for Northern Development and Mines, President of Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, Ecuador Minister of Mining and Argentina Secretary of Mining. Attended an Australian Reception, Mining Equipment, Technology & Services (METS) and investment luncheons. Attended an Infrastructure Investment Roundtable with Canadian pension funds and banks. Led an indigenous business delegation. - New York: Met with the US Trade Representative and investment fund managers and business leaders in priority investment sectors. Attended an ASX event. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
India	9 to 17 January 2015	9	<p><u>Ahmedabad:</u> 9 to 11 January 2015 <u>New Delhi:</u> 11 to 13 January 2015 <u>Mumbai:</u> 13 to 16 January 2015 <u>Jaipur:</u> 16 January 2015</p> <p>No. of advisers: 3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ahmedabad: Attended Vibrant Gujarat Summit. Met with Prime Minister and Gujarat Chief Minister. Met with CEOs and business leaders in the resources and logistics sectors and fortune 500 companies. - New Delhi: Attended Australia Business Week in India (ABWI). Met with Prime Minister and senior ministers and officials including Minister for Civil Aviation; Minister of Tourism and Culture; Minister of Mines and Steel; Minister of Railways; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Finance; Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Attended roundtable on India's Healthcare, Biotechnology and Medical Research Agenda with the Indian Minister for Health and Family Welfare. - Mumbai: Met with CEOs and business leaders in the technology industry. Met with Bank Executives and ABWI delegates. Attended Roundtable meetings on Tropical Medicine and Life Sciences; Resources and Energy and Financial Services. - Jaipur: Addressed Confederation of Indian Industries Global Partnership Summit. Met with UAE Trade Minister, WTO Director General and Chief Minister of Rajasthan. 			
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China, Brazil, Peru and Chile	2 to 13 December 2014	12	<u>Beijing</u> : 2 to 6 December 2014 <u>Rio de Janeiro</u> : 6 to 8 December 2014 <u>Lima</u> : 8 to 11 December 2014 <u>Santiago de Chile</u> : 11 to 12 December 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beijing: Attended Australia-China High Level Dialogue. Met with the Minister of Commerce and business leaders and investors in the resources sector. - Rio de Janeiro: Attended the Food-Energy-Water Nexus Seminar. Attended Investment Promotion Roundtable and Met with CEOs and business leaders in the energy sector. <p>Lima: Attended the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP20). Met with Peruvian President and ministerial counterparts including Peruvian Trade Minister and the Minister of Trade for New Zealand. Met with senior ministers and officials including Peruvian Foreign Minister; Marshall Islands Foreign Minister. Met with Ministers and representatives from Canada, Indonesia, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States. Hosted reception with Minister Bishop for Australian COP stakeholders; hosted dinner with Minister Bishop for Umbrella Group Ministers from Canada, Indonesia, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Santiago de Chile: Attended ACELF Forum. Met with the President of the Republic of Chile; ministerial counterpart, Vice-Minister for Trade and senior ministers and officials including Minister for Foreign Affairs; Minister for Mining; Vice-Minister for Mining; Minister of the Economy, Development and Tourism. Met with CEO's and business leaders in Mining and signed the Australia-Colombia Mining MOU. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
China	6 to 10 November 2014	5	<u>Beijing</u> : 6 to 10 November 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beijing: Attended the APEC Ministerial Meeting and meetings on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Attended a Leaders Dialogue for the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC). Met with ministerial counterparts including the Minister for Commerce for China; the Minister for Commerce for Thailand; the Vice Premier of China; the US Trade Representative; the Minister of Trade for Indonesia; the Minister for Trade for the Republic of Korea; the Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy for Japan. 			
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USA and Republic of Korea	28 September to 6 October 2014	8	<u>Washington</u> : 28 to 30 September 2014 <u>Seoul</u> : 1 to 4 October <u>Busan</u> : 4 to 6 October No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Washington: Attended the CSI Global Services Summit. Met with US Trade Representative; attended a US Chamber of Commerce Roundtable; Investor Roundtable; a Panel Presentation on Global Perspectives on Services Trade. Met with CEOs and business leaders in global assets management and industry. - Seoul: Attended the Australia Korea Business Council (AKBC)-Korea Australia Business Council (KABC) 35th Joint Meeting. Met with senior ministers and officials including the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy; Foreign Minister; Chair of National Assembly's Trade, Industry and Energy Committee; Chair of National Assembly's Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee; Vice Minister for Strategy and Finance. Met with key Korean business leaders and members of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea. Attended a Services Sector Promotion Forum (SSPF) and an Australian Future Unlimited Education Exhibition. - Busan: Attended an Australian Night Reception at the Busan International Film Festival, including witnessing the signature of the MOU on Audio-visual Co-Production to the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement. Visited the Samsung Heavy Industries Shipyard at Geoje Island. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
India	3 to 7 September 2014	4	<u>Mumbai</u> : 3 to 4 September 2014 <u>New Delhi</u> : 5 to 6 September 2014 No. of advisers: 1
Accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to India. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mumbai: Attended the launch of the New Colombo Plan in India; business roundtables; met with the Prime Minister's business delegation; met with GVK (an Indian conglomerate). - New Delhi: Accompanied the Prime Minister at the ceremonial welcome at the Presidential Palace; met with the President of India; the Prime Minister of India; the Minister of External Affairs; the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, Coal & Renewable Energy; the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce and Industry; the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. Met with CEO Forum participants. Attended a roundtable with the Indian Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. Attended a state banquet. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Burma	25 to 30 August 2014	6	<u>Nay Pyi Taw</u> : 25 to 27 August 2014 <u>Rangoon</u> : 28 to 30 August 2014 No. of advisers: 1

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<p>- Nay Pyi Taw: Attended: the 19th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)-Closer Economic Relations (CER) Consultations; the 2nd East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers Meeting; the 2nd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Participating Countries' Ministerial Meeting; an Australia / Singapore / United States / New Zealand meeting to discuss Trans-Pacific Partnership. Met with the President of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar; the Union Minister for Commerce for Burma; the Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy for the Republic of Korea; the Minister for Trade for New Zealand; the Minister for Commerce for China; the Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade for Brunei Darussalam; the Minister for National Planning and Economic Development for Burma; the Secretary of Trade and Industry for the Philippines; the Minister of International Trade and Industry for Malaysia; the Minister for Trade and Industry for Singapore; the Permanent Secretary to the Thai Ministry of Commerce; the US Trade Representative. Attended the Joint Signing Ceremony of the First Protocol to Amend AANZFTA.</p> <p>- Rangoon: Attended a lunch on economic development and investment in Burma; a roundtable meeting on mineral resources; a roundtable meeting on agriculture; a roundtable meeting on infrastructure development; a reception with Australians and alumni engaged in economic development programs. Met with the General Manager of PanAust. Delivered a keynote address at a lunch hosted by Australia Myanmar Chamber of Commerce. Visited a Landmark project (the restoration of old Railway Headquarters building into hotel and commercial complex), an Authentic Production Factory and the Taukkyan War Cemetery.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Singapore	19 to 22 August 2014	3	<u>Singapore</u> : 19 to 22 August 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<p>- Singapore: Attended the Singapore-Australia Joint Ministerial Committee meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Assistant Defence Minister. Met with the Prime Minister of Singapore and the Minister for Trade and Industry. Attended an AustCham business dinner; Aerospace Roundtable; Reception for the Aerospace Sector; Australian Alumni reception with Colombo Plan and New Colombo Plan Scholars. Visited a Rolls-Royce manufacturing facility; Hawker Pacific; Pratt & Whitney; SIA Engineering; the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Germany, Switzerland and Spain	28 June to 6 July 2014	7	<u>Lindau</u> : 29 to 30 June 2014 <u>Zurich</u> : 1 to 2 July 2014 <u>Madrid</u> : 3 to 5 July 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<p>- Lindau: Attended the 64th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting. Met with German Federal Minister of Education and Research.</p> <p>- Zurich: Met with leaders from Australian and Swiss insurance, pharmaceuticals,</p>			

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<p>materials and finance companies based in Switzerland. Hosted a working dinner with senior Swiss and Australian business representatives.</p> <p>- Madrid: Met with King Filipe VI; the Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Housing; the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; the Secretary of State for Trade. Met with members of the Europe-Australia Business Council; Spain-Australia Council Federation. Attended an Investment and Infrastructure Forum.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
China	22 to 25 June 2014	2	<p><u>Beijing</u>: 23 to 24 June 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 1</p>
<p>- 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 Chinese Minister for Agriculture.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Canada and USA	8 to 16 June 2014	9	<p><u>Ottawa</u>: 8 to 9 June 2014 <u>New York</u>: 10 to 11 June 2014 <u>Toronto</u>: 12 June 2014 <u>Houston</u>: 13 to 14 June 2014</p> <p>No. of advisers: 1</p>
<p>Accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to Canada and USA.</p> <p>- Ottawa: Met with the Governor-General of Canada; Prime Minister; Minister of International Trade. Attended a roundtable with the Prime Minister's Business Delegation and senior Canadian business representatives. Visited the Canadian War Museum.</p> <p>- Toronto: Met with senior Canadian industry representatives from the resources & energy sectors; Canadian Australia Chamber of Commerce; Canadian pension and private wealth funds; Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships. Attended a roundtable with business delegation and Canadian industry representatives on resources & energy. Spoke at the Munk School of Global Affairs.</p> <p>- New York: Visited an East Side Access Project; hosted an Investment Roundtable; met with representatives of the American Australian Association; the Council on Foreign Relations; US investors; major financial institutions.</p> <p>- Houston: Visited Rice University; Schlumberger; Texas Medical Centre. Hosted a roundtable on Australian Areas of Medical Research. Attended a reception and dinner hosted by the Asia Society. Met with BHP Billiton; the Australian American Chamber of Commerce; US business leaders.</p>			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
China and Singapore	16 to 20 May 2014	5	<p><u>Qingdao</u>: 16 to 18 May 2014 <u>Singapore</u>: 19 to 20 May 2014</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qingdao: Attended the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade meeting. Met with ministerial counterparts from Chile; PNG; Indonesia; China; ROK; Malaysia; New Zealand; Canada; Taiwan. Met with senior officials from Shandong Province and Qingdao City. - Singapore: Attended Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Ministerial Meeting. Met with ministerial counterpart from Japan. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
France and Germany	3 to 10 May 2014	6	<u>Paris:</u> 4 to 7 May 2014 <u>Frankfurt:</u> 8 to 9 May 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paris: Attended the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting; B20 Trade Taskforce Meeting; OECD G20 Seminar on Global Value Chains. Attended the launch of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme. Met with OECD Secretary-General; WTO Director-General. Met with ministerial counterparts from France; Japan; Costa Rica; New Zealand; Canada; Mexico; Germany. Attended meetings on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Industrial Revival; Digital Economy. Attended a Resources and Energy Investment dinner. Hosted an informal meeting of Trade Ministers. - Frankfurt: Attended Australian Business Luncheon. Chaired G20 & B20 dinner. Met with Fresenius SE; Germany Trade & Invest; Deutsche Bank; Bosch; German Bundesbank. 			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia	12 to 18 April 2014	7	<u>Dubai/Abu Dhabi:</u> 12 to 14 April 2014 <u>Riyadh:</u> 15 to 17 April 2014 No. of advisers: 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dubai and Abu Dhabi: Met with ministers for Foreign Affairs; Economy, Culture, Youth & Social Development; Higher Education & Scientific Research. Attended the opening of Australia Unlimited in Dubai; the Council on Australia-Arab Relation's (CAAR) Energy, Water & Food Nexus Policy Forum; the Future Unlimited Education & Research Seminar. Met with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA); Etihad Airways; Dubai Electricity and Water Authority; Emirates Group; Dubai Expo 2020 Preparatory Committee; the Investment Corporation of Dubai. - Riyadh: Met with ministerial counterpart for Commerce & Industry. Met with the Saudi Commission for Tourism & Antiquities; Council of Saudi Chambers; Technical and Vocational Training Corporation; Saudi Arabia Business Council; Kingdom Holding Company; Gulf Cooperation Council. Met with members of the Economic Affairs & Energy Committee; Shura Council; members of the Saudi- 			

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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 & Food Nexus Policy Forum; an Australia Unlimited Reception; an Australian Food & Agriculture Investment Seminar. Visited the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE). Visited ServCorp facilities in Saudi Arabia.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Japan, Republic of Korea and China	4 to 12 April 2014	7	<u>Tokyo</u> : 4 to 7 April 2014 <u>Seoul</u> : 8 April 2014 <u>Chengdu</u> : 9 April 2014 <u>Shanghai</u> : 10 to 11 April 2014 No. of advisers: 3
Accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to North Asia. - Tokyo : Met with the Prime Minister of Japan; the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry & 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. Attended education and food & beverage roundtables. - Seoul : Met with the President of the Republic of Korea; 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. Met with business leaders from Australia and ROK. - Chengdu : Met with senior officials from Sichuan Province. Attended events relating to tourism, infrastructure and mining. Signed the MOU to establish the Australian Sichuan Trade and Investment Roundtable. Visited the ANZ Operations Hub in Chengdu. - Shanghai : Attended events for Australia Week in China. Launched the E-commerce JD.com online retail promotion. Attended the opening ceremony for the ANZ FTZ Branch; the Australia-China CEO Investment Roundtable.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Japan and China	25 March to 1 April 2014	6	<u>Tokyo</u> : 26 March 2014 <u>Hong Kong/Shenzhen</u> : 27 March to 1 April 2014 No. of advisers: 1
- Tokyo : Met with ministers for Economy, Trade & Industry; Agriculture; Forestry & Fisheries; Economic Revitalisation; Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); Foreign Affairs. - Hong Kong/Shenzhen : Delivered keynote addresses at the Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference; the Mines and Money Conference. Met with senior officials and business people from industry, sport, tourism, media, investment, resources and finance. Visited transport facilities and Met with corporate leaders in Shenzhen.			

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Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Philippines and Singapore	19 to 27 February 2014	9	<u>Manila</u> : 19 to 21 February 2014 <u>Singapore</u> : 22 to 27 February 2014 No. of advisers: 1
- Manila : Led a business delegation to the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM). Met with the Philippines Foreign and Trade Ministers. - Singapore : Represented Australia in the Ministerial-level negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Promoted investment opportunities in Australia.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
Switzerland	22 to 27 January 2014	6	<u>Davos</u> : 22 to 27 January 2014 No. of advisers: 1
- Davos : Attended the World Economic Forum (WEF) Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders. Met with the Commissioner for Trade for the European Union; the Director-General of the World Trade Organization; ministerial counterparts.			
Visit	Dates	Days Away	Locations
USA	10 to 17 January 2014	8	<u>Los Angeles</u> : 10 to 13 January 2014 <u>San Francisco</u> : 14 to 16 January 2014 No. of advisers: 1
- Los Angeles/San Francisco : Attended the US-Australia Dialogue; G'day USA. Met with business leaders in key investment sectors to promote Australia's attractiveness for new or expanded investment initiatives			

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Question No 34

Program: DFAT

Topic: Diplomatic footprint

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: If I was to ask you for a chart of numbers of overseas positions between 2005 and 2015 and a five-year projection to 2020, is that the work that you are referring to, the review?

Mr Varghese: We can certainly take on notice what has been the case in the past up until now. I think anything looking out over the next five years would be speculative.

Answer

The department is currently preparing the DFAT Strategic Workforce Plan 2015-2019 in conjunction with the department's FTE Review and the Diplomatic Footprint Review. The workforce plan is in draft stage and is expected to be finalised in July 2015. A projection of overseas positions to 2020 is not available at this time.

Year ending 30 June	APS Overseas
2005	494
2010	563
2015	844*

*Overseas staff includes officers on in-country language training, short term assignments, in-transit from post and exchange officers. 2015 is a result of increased positions due to diplomatic footprint expansion and the integration of Australian Aid to the portfolio.

Information regarding the number of staff overseas in previous years is publicly available in the department's annual reports.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: HOM/HOP - Appointments and Vacancies

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: On appointments already made, which individuals have been appointed since last estimates and the table provided in question on notice 141?

Mr Varghese: This is in relation to head of mission appointments?

Senator GALLACHER: Yes.

Mr Varghese: I will take that on notice. [...]

Senator GALLACHER: Could you please provide an updated list of posts becoming vacant in 2015, if there are changes to the one provided in question on notice 25.

Mr Varghese: Yes, I will take that on notice. [...]

Senator GALLACHER: Is the Accra High Commission a post that is becoming vacant?

Mr Varghese: I would have to check. I do not have in my head the due date for a changeover in Accra. Mr Fisher may have some more information.

Mr Fisher: I think I had better take that particular one on notice. [...]

Senator GALLACHER: In Honiara, the RAMSI special coordinator?

Mr Varghese: I would have to check on that.

Mr Fisher: I think towards the end of the year. We would have to check on that one. [...]

Senator GALLACHER: The Nicosia High Commissioner? I may have

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mispronounced that.

Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice

Answers

Which individuals have been appointed to the position of Ambassador or High Commissioner in 2015?

The following individuals have been appointed in 2015.

Name	Position	Post
Glen Miles	Ambassador	Beirut
Neil Hawkins	Ambassador	Cairo
Suzanne McCourt	Ambassador	Harare
Margaret Adamson	High Commissioner	Islamabad
Paul Grigson	Ambassador	Jakarta
Matthew Anderson	Ambassador	Kabul
Warren Hauck	Ambassador	Kuwait City
Doug Trappett	Ambassador	Kyiv
John Feakes	High Commissioner	Nairobi
Gillian Bird	Ambassador	New York (UN)
Tony Negus	High Commissioner	Ottawa
Nicholas Coppel	Ambassador	Rangoon
Ralph King	Ambassador	Riyadh
Brian Pontifex	Ambassador	Paris OECD
Adam McCarthy	High Commissioner	Pretoria
Virginia Greville	Ambassador	Madrid

Which Ambassador and High Commissioner postings will be due for new personnel in 2015?

Ambassador and High Commissioner appointments are determined by the Government of the day. We expect the following Ambassador and High Commissioner positions will fall vacant in 2015:

Post	Position
Baghdad	Ambassador
Mexico City	Ambassador
Nicosia	High Commissioner
Pohnpei	Ambassador
Port Moresby	High Commissioner
Rome	Ambassador
Tarawa	High Commissioner
The Hague	Ambassador
Washington	Ambassador

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Wellington	High Commissioner
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Is the Accra High Commissioner position becoming vacant in 2015?

No

Is the Honiara RAMSI Special Coordinator position becoming vacant in 2015?

Yes

Is the Nicosia High Commissioner position becoming vacant in 2015?

Yes

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Program: DFAT

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: Is it possible to get a look at the 400 ideas, and what you are actually promoting or voting on?

Mr Varghese: Can I take that on notice?

Senator GALLACHER: Absolutely.

Answer

The department has been through a process to select two winners – ‘The Cloud Passport’ and ‘No Win No Fee for Raising Government Revenue’. The department is in the process of considering implementation of a number of other ideas, however this is not yet complete.

List of ideas

- 1 Physical Literacy Endeavour
- 2 Children’s Health –A Global Solution: An Australian NGO/UNICEF & DFAT Partnership
- 3 Mobile Passport Interview
- 4 Passport Photo Electronic Check
- 5 Passport warning
- 6 Validation of Driver’s Licences in connection with passport applications
- 7 Two-tiered Passport Alerts
- 8 Cloud based Passport and Notarial appointment system

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- 10 Passports: The first century
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- 12 Use of MyGOV for contacting APO clients
- 13 Australia Passport Week
- 14 Passport Post savings in the END
- 15 Engaging with high schools to prevent consular cases, increase knowledge about DFAT's work and better our knowledge about different parts of Australia
- 16 Australian Traveller App
- 17 Automatic Travel Insurance for Every Australian Traveller
- 18 Smartraveller App - arrive and be informed.
- 19 crisis.dfat.gov.au
- 20 Useable travel advisories
- 21 Smartraveller in a Click
- 22 Job exchange for LE/ DFAT Consular and Passports officers
- 23 Consular Officer exchange with friendly five
- 24 Consular informational campaigns based on non-electronic platforms
- 25 Video Consular Brochures: Educate & Entertain
- 26 SmartExpat
- 27 Play the Crisis
- 28 Smartraveller and Facebook! Together at last!
- 29 Disaster Man Pack
- 30 Direct Aid from Australians to the Region
- 31 Crowdsourcing for Results: Generating Feedback and Evidence Online Real-Time
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- 44 Develop our own HR Specialists
- 45 Indigenous Language Bank
- 46 TAPPING INTO DFAT'S TALENT POOL
- 47 Improve exchange of information between business systems
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Question No 37

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid funding for nutrition

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: Can you advise on the estimated funding for specific nutrition measures in the current financial year?

Mr McDonald: I think, and Mr Exell can correct me if I am wrong, we cannot determine the actual expenditure until the end of the financial year. That is because of the way the programs work; we have to gather it all in from all of our country programs and our multilateral programs and the like to come up the split. I think that is correct.

Mr Exell: Yes.

Senator McEWEN: But at the end of the financial year, you could provide the amount of funding. Is that able to be teased out into the country and/or program specific amounts once you have received it?

Mr Exell: I would imagine we would be able to do that. There is an internationally agreed methodology to measure nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive investments, because there are two types of support for those activities. We should be able to get those at a country level as well.

Senator McEWEN: You have taken that on notice then for—

Mr Exell: Following the end of the financial year.

Answer

Expenditure on nutrition-specific investments for 2014-15 will become available in the third quarter of 2015.

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Question No 38

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid funding for early childhood education

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: In regard to early childhood education, can the department advise how much of Australia's estimated \$1.1 billion in support for education in the current financial year is allocated to early childhood education?

Mr McDonald: I think we would have to take the specific components on notice.

Answer

DFAT will be able to provide an estimate of actual 2014-15 expenditure on the early childhood education sub-sector by the end of October 2015.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Global Partnership for Education

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Senator McEwen

Question

Senator McEWEN: What is that figure as a proportion of the total ODA budget in 2015-16? What is the proportion percentage-wise of funding going to education in the total ODA budget for 2015-16?

Mr McDonald: We will not know that yet. We have to go through and agree the priorities with the partner countries. Once we have identified those priorities, we will be able to aggregate that up and report the sectoral split of our expenditure for 2015-16. We are happy to take that on notice.

Answer

The allocation to the Global Partnership for Education will be 0.0065 per cent of the total ODA budget for 2015-16. The 2015-16 allocation of \$26 million is part of the four-year pledge of \$140 million made in June 2014.

For the proportion of funding for education in the total ODA budget for 2015-16, please see the response to question 126.

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Question No 40

Program: DFAT

Topic: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: Did the department consult with foreign governments such as the US or Japan on joining the AIIB prior to 26 March 2015? [...]

Senator GALLACHER: Did the Prime Minister have consultations with President Obama or Prime Minister Abe in relation to that? And were you involved in those conversations?

Mr Varghese: I would need to take that on notice, Senator, whether there were discussions at head of government and head of state level.

Answer

Yes. The department consulted a range of foreign governments before 26 March 2015, on AIIB governance issues in the context of Australia considering AIIB membership.

Questions about who the Prime Minister consulted should be directed to the Prime Minister. The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was not involved in any discussions between the Prime Minister and President Obama or Prime Minister Abe.

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Question No 41

Program: DFAT

Topic: Palestinian Territories - Aid funding

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Senator LUDLAM: Can you just confirm for me that the 2015-16 budget cut aid to the Palestinian territories from \$34.2 million to \$20.5 million—is that accurate?

Mr Innes-Brown: Yes, that is right.

Senator LUDLAM: What components of Australia's contribution to that part of the world did that hit, in particular?

Mr McDonald: I do not know if you were here earlier, but in relation to the 2015-16 budget allocations, which were announced the best part of three weeks ago, we are now going through discussions with our partner governments on the priorities for 2015-16. When they are complete we will be able to provide that information to you. If you do not mind, we will take that on notice.

Answer

Following the release of the 2015-16 aid budget, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is consulting with partners on programming priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans, or similar summary information, for country and regional programs. This information will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once it has been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015.

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Question No 42

Program: DFAT

Topic: Palestinian Territories - Support for reconstruction

Question on Notice

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Senator LUDLAM: I also understand that Australia committed—I do not know whether it was an additional; you may be able to clarify that for me—\$5 million to assist with the rebuilding of Gaza, which was very, very badly damaged last year. Did that \$5 million come from a humanitarian fund or a separate appropriation, or was that out of our regular aid contribution? [...] Has that aid money been able to reach Gaza?

Mr Innes-Brown: I would have to take the details on notice, but the money went to UNRWA, which has a fund which is organising assistance for people who were affected by the conflict last year. Whether they have dispersed the money at this stage or not, I do not know. I will have to take that on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Sure. Has Australia made any representations specifically to either Israel or Egypt to allow reconstruction materials to more easily enter those territories?

Mr Innes-Brown: Not to my knowledge.

Senator LUDLAM: Is that something that you could check for us?

Mr Innes-Brown: I could check, sure. I will take that on notice. [...]

Senator LUDLAM: Has the Australian Foreign Minister or any other official made any representations to the effect that the blockade be lifted?

Senator LUDLAM: You have given us some general undertakings around security checks for materials entering the Palestinian territories and you have said that you are not aware of any specific issues. I find that really difficult to believe, so I ask you to take on notice to find out from our partners, whether it be UNWRA, World Vision, APHEDA or any of the other groups that we have relevant linkages with, whether they are reporting—if you are able to actively check for us—

Mr Innes-Brown: Sure.

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Senator LUDLAM: Any difficulties in delivering aid to a part of the world that desperately needs it.

Mr Innes-Brown: Will do.

Answer

In June 2015 the Australian Government provided \$5.7 million from the bilateral aid program to the Palestinian Territories to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for shelter and repairs in Gaza. Those funds have reached UNRWA which is now allocating them to Gaza.

On 27 August 2014, the Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, called on Israel and the Palestinians to implement the Gaza ceasefire agreement, including to put an end to rocket and mortar attacks on Israel and to enable the opening of border crossings for the entry of humanitarian aid and reconstruction materials into Gaza. On 12 October 2014, at the Gaza Reconstruction Conference in Cairo, Australia called on Israel and the Palestinian Authority to cooperate on immediate and practical steps to open up Gaza to the outside world, with appropriate safeguards.

Our aid partners report that Israeli security restrictions on the entry of dual use items such as cement, steel, fibreglass and wood into Gaza impact on aid delivery. Restrictions on the movement of aid workers in and out of Gaza can also impact on the effective delivery of aid.

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Question No 43

Program: DFAT

Topic: Palestinian Territories - Legal advice

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Senator Xenophon

Question

Senator XENOPHON: *Mr Varghese, I am going to follow up on the issues that I asked about the fourth Geneva convention, and Australia's view as to the applicability of the fourth Geneva convention in respect of the occupied territories in Palestine and East Jerusalem. I seek leave, Chair, to table a document I have obtained pursuant to the Archives Act, which is a Foreign & Commonwealth Office legal opinion dated 5 October 1971, in relation to this issue. It is a declassified document.*

CHAIR: *Do the minister and the secretary have a copy of that? Senator XENOPHON:* No; but I have a couple of copies here.

CHAIR: *Thank you.*

Senator Brandis: *This is a brief prepared by the Commonwealth & Foreign Office.*

Senator XENOPHON: *Yes, it is. Senator Brandis:* On 5 October 1971.

Senator XENOPHON: *Yes.*

Senator Brandis: *And—*

Senator XENOPHON: *If I could take you to annexure B—and can I assure the committee, and assure you, Attorney, that it is a declassified document that was obtained pursuant to our Archives Act.*

Senator Brandis: *Yes.*

Senator XENOPHON: *If I could take you to annexure B, headed 'the applicability to the occupied territories of the fourth Geneva convention relative to the treatment of civilian persons in time of war'. Before I go to the specific passage that I wish to refer to, my understanding from the declassified documents is that this was a document that the Australian government sought, in forming its own opinion as to the applicability of the*

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fourth Geneva convention to the occupied territories and to East Jerusalem. Can you confirm that, Mr Varghese— whether it was relied on?

Mr Varghese: Well, no I can't Senator. You are referring to a document that goes back to 1971. I am not sure—

Senator XENOPHON: That doesn't mean it is not a good one!

Mr Varghese: No; I am not casting any judgements on the merits of the document! I am not sure when we would have drawn on it, if we have drawn on it, in the period between 1971 and now. So no; the short answer is I cannot.

Senator XENOPHON: Could you take on notice whether the Australian government did draw on that document in reaching its own conclusions as to its own legal advice as to whether the fourth Geneva convention applied to the occupied territories? [...]

Senator XENOPHON: Attorney, does the Australian government have a view as to whether the fourth Geneva convention applies to the Occupied Territories?

Senator Brandis: I will ask the Foreign Minister about that.

Senator XENOPHON: If you could take that on notice, I would be satisfied with that. If so, what is that view?

Answer

The Department did not draw on the 5 October 1971 brief prepared by the Commonwealth and Foreign Office in providing advice to the current Government. Whether an international armed conflict exists, or territory is occupied, is a question of fact that must be determined by reference to the conditions on the ground at the time an assessment as to the applicability of the Convention is made.

The question of the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention has been the subject of legal advice provided to the Foreign Minister. Given the advice is subject to legal professional privilege, questions about its content need to be referred to the Foreign Minister.

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Question No 44

Program: DFAT

Topic: Palestinian Territories - Students

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Senator Wright

Question

Senator XENOPHON: Has the department received any reports of difficulties of Palestinians who have obtained scholarships in Australian universities in leaving Palestine to study here, including their spouse or family members who have been allowed to accompany them as part of the scholarship? If you could take that on notice I would be very grateful.

Mr Varghese: I am happy to take it on notice. Are you referring to Australian government scholarships?

Senator XENOPHON: I am referring to scholarships for Australian universities, so you could include both Australian government scholarships and any other scholarships offered by Australian universities.

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

Answer

The Department is aware of one case of a Palestinian family member of a student awarded a scholarship to study in Australia who encountered a delay in receiving the necessary approvals to depart from Gaza. Australian officials discussed this case with Israeli and Palestinian authorities. We understand that the individual concerned was subsequently granted the necessary approvals and departed Gaza.

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Question No 45

Program: DFAT

Topic: Kurdistan - PKK listing as terrorist organisation

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Senator LUDLAM: Can you tell us what involvement the department has, if any, in the review of the PKK's listing as a terrorist organisation in Australia and its status within this country? I understand that review process is due in August of this year and it is probably ASIO that has direct carriage of it but I want to know whether the department has any visibility of that review process? [...]

Senator LUDLAM: As time is reasonably short, could you just take on notice to provide the process that the department would follow in gathering information? You do not have to answer this directly now but, for example, whether you would speak to local representatives of the Kurdish community; or what kind of open-source, if you like, resources you would give regard to, if you were assessing a listing or a delisting. I will leave it there.

Answer

The review of the Criminal Code listing of the PKK is being conducted by AGD. Elements of this question which go to the nature of the review should be directed to AGD.

DFAT was provided an opportunity to provide comment as part of the review conducted by AGD. DFAT consulted with its Post in Ankara and other posts in the region. DFAT then provided comment to AGD for its consideration in the review.

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Question No 46

Program: DFAT

Topic: East Timor - Timor Sea legal dispute

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Senator Xenophon

Question

Senator XENOPHON: In relation to the answer that the Attorney gave earlier in respect of the settlement reached between the government of East Timor and the Australian government, which related to a specific dispute in relation to the ICJ—the Attorney is here; that is terrific—is it not the case that in terms of the arbitration panel established under the Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea that matter is still proceeding? That is correct, is it not?

Senator Brandis: I am not going to discuss actual potential proceedings involving Australia's interests in this forum, so we will take that question on notice.

Answer

Timor-Leste has advised us that it intends to resume the arbitration under the *Timor Sea Treaty* challenging the validity of the *Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea*.

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Question No 47

Program: DFAT

Topic: Operations - DFAT involvement in Operation Paladin and Operation Mazurka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: Could you set out what is DFAT's involvement with Operation Paladin and Operation Mazurka please?

Mr Varghese: I will see whether one of my colleagues has details. If not, I will take it on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: On notice?

Mr Varghese: I will take it on notice.

Answer

DFAT does not have any formal involvement in the ADF's Operation Paladin, but embassies in Tel Aviv and Beirut are in regular contact with ADF contingents and monitor the security situation in Lebanon and Israel.

DFAT occasionally assists the ADF's Operation Mazurka with the carriage of diplomatic mail through Cairo and Tel Aviv. The Australian embassies in Cairo and Tel Aviv maintain regular contact with the ADF contingent and the Embassy in Cairo monitors the security situation in the Sinai and its implications for MFO operations and security.

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Question No 48

Program: DFAT

Topic: Counter-narcotics - Counter-narcotics

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: What are the formalised human rights safeguards applied to ensure funds allocated to overseas counternarcotics efforts do not enable human rights abuses?

Senator Brandis: That is a matter for the Attorney-General's estimates; these are the DFAT estimates. Nevertheless, I will take the question on notice.

Answer

The department undertakes a range of risk management measures, and applies safeguards aimed at upholding human rights, in implementing aid investments. Due diligence checks on partner organisations are also an integral part of the aid investment planning process. These measures apply to all aid investments, including those related to counter-narcotics and drug policy.

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Question No 49

Program: DFAT

Topic: Counter-narcotics - Counter-narcotics

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Is the government planning to make or has it already made a contribution to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's forthcoming country program in Pakistan?

Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice, unless someone is present who has an answer to it.

Senator RHIANNON: I was after the specific programs receiving allocations of the funding too, and also a similar one for Iran. So are there any plans to make or has a contribution been made to UNODC's forthcoming country program in Iran?

Mr Varghese: I will take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: And the same thing for any specific programs.

Answer

The government has contributed approximately USD 4.8 million from 2010 to 2015 to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC) country program in Pakistan. The funding, provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, was for the UNODC's project to help Pakistan combat migrant smuggling and human trafficking. The project aims to: strengthen Pakistan's legal, regulatory and enforcement frameworks on migrant smuggling and human trafficking; enhance knowledge and skills of Pakistani law enforcement officers; and assist Pakistan to collect and analyse migration-related crime information.

The government contributed AUD 30,662.83 in the 2014–2015 financial year to a UNODC project on drug demand reduction and HIV control in Iran. The project aims to: promote public health prevention issues; protection of individuals, families

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and communities from drug addiction; and contain the challenge of HIV. The focus of the project is on at-risk women who are exposed to drug use or drug abuse.

The government has no plans at this time to make any further contributions to UNODC country programs in Pakistan or Iran.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Bougainville funding allocation

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: *Moving on to Bougainville, I understand the allocation in 2015-16 is \$50 million. Could you provide a breakdown of how that money will be allocated?*

Mr Sloper: *Are you asking for the breakdown of money for this current financial year or for the next financial year?*

Senator RHIANNON: *For 2015-16—so current please. I understand it is \$50 million.*

Mr Sloper: *Next year will be \$50 million.*

Senator RHIANNON: *Next year is it?*

Mr Sloper: *That is the 2015-16 year, which is what I think you said. I can talk about the broad areas; I cannot give you specific figures. The program is targeted at improving services in health, education, transport, infrastructure, law and justice. As you mentioned, it will rise from \$40.7 million this year to \$50 million next year.*

Senator RHIANNON: *Can you provide any breakdown? If you cannot do it for those sectors, can you give some information on the details of what will be going to non-government organisations and bilateral program—*

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

Answer

In 2015-16, Australia's development assistance to Bougainville will build on the investments made in FY2014-15, as per the table below (current as at 22 May 2015). Specific allocations to these areas have not yet been determined for FY2015-16.

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Activity	Type of support	Estimated expenditure 14/15
Education	Primary school infrastructure, scholarships, and advisory support to the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) Department of Education.	\$5m
Health	Capacity building for the ABG Department of Health, community health worker training, maternal and child health, health infrastructure and prevention and control of communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS.	\$3.1m
Law and justice	Strengthening ABG law and justice agencies, training for Bougainville Police Service officers, land mediators and village courts officials, and construction of police housing and correctional facilities.	\$3.3m
Transport infrastructure	Maintenance work on Bougainville's main road network and sealing projects in Central Bougainville, including main streets in Arawa.	\$8.5m
Governance	Advisory support to the ABG in a range of areas, including project management, human resources, policy, legislative drafting and public financial management. There are also a number of governance projects, such as community radio, government infrastructure, ICT, recruitment of public servants and capacity building for community government officials.	\$5.5m
Democratic governance and peace building	Funding to support the Bougainville Peace Building Program, which aims to help the ABG facilitate the reconciliation of crisis-era disputes and conflicts. A small grants program has been expanded with 28 grants provided to community based organisations, non-government organisations and local level government. Grants are in the areas of: water and sanitation; construction of basic health and education infrastructure; training for women and youth; and economic development.	\$3m
Elections support	Support to the ABG to prepare for and conduct ABG general elections in May/June 2015. Support includes technical advice and advisory support, procurement of election-related materials (e.g. ballot boxes and awareness material) and coordination of observers.	\$2m
Agriculture	Partnering with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research to examine economic opportunities in cocoa production, in addition to establishing partnerships with the private sector, non-government organisations and ABG to support agricultural extension projects across Bougainville.	\$1.65m
Gender	Support includes: capacity building to the Bougainville Women's Federation to strengthen its policy and advocacy efforts; reducing violence against women through behavioural change programs, as well as improving support services to women who are at risk, or have experienced violence; economic empowerment, including expanding micro-finance services and financial skills training across Bougainville; and delivery of a more gender-sensitive curriculum in schools, including advocacy against gender-based violence (through the UN).	\$3.1m
Youth	Australian NGOs will pilot youth-focused activities, including in economic development, employment and leadership.	\$4.55m
Rugby League, Public Diplomacy and operating costs	Extension of the League Bilong Laif program to Bougainville schools.	\$1m
Total		\$40.7m

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - Cancelled trips

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: Can I just add an addition to the questions on notice about ministerial trips: could we have the details of any cancelled trips? We have asked a whole series of questions for the ministerial travel, so could you just include trips that have been cancelled?

Mr Roach: We will take that on notice.

Answer

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has not cancelled any visits.

The Minister for Trade and Investment cancelled a visit to Switzerland, France, Belgium and the UK in May 2015 owing to ill health. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade and Investment undertook the visit to France on Mr Robb's behalf.

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Question No 52

Program: DFAT

Topic: Cambodia - Cambodia

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: *If we could go to Cambodia and just follow up question on notice 146: could we please be updated on Minister Bishop's most recent meetings with senior Cambodian ministers; and an update on negotiations with Cambodia and the first tranche of the \$40 million development assistance package.*

Mr Chittick: *Which time frame are you particularly interested in, Senator?*

Senator GALLACHER: *We are following up from additional estimates: the question on notice was 146, so information post that answer.*

Mr Chittick: *Sorry, I do not have any information with me on Ms Bishop's discussions with her counterpart. She has had discussions with a number of visiting Cambodian ministers, including the interior minister, but I would have to take the details of those meetings on notice.*

Senator GALLACHER: *Are we aware of the specific programs that will be funded?*

Mr Chittick: *The government's commitment in September last year to provide \$40 million over four years in additional funding is focused in three areas—one is in agricultural production, particularly in rice milling; another one in de-mining; and the third one in support for electoral reform. All three of those programs are in effect scaling up of programs that existed previously. The \$10 million that will be additional to the previous allocation for Cambodia will fund those over the course of the next year.*

Senator GALLACHER: *Are we able to be made aware of who the program partners are? I think you said rice milling?*

Mr Chittick: *I would have to take the specific details of that on notice, but they would be the existing program partners that we have in Cambodia.*

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Senator GALLACHER: *Just for my education, rice milling—is that a commercial or a government operation?*

Mr Chittick: *It is support for improvements in rice milling in Cambodia to improve the value added in the milling process. It is support for the sector to improve its efficiency.*

Senator GALLACHER: *Is ACIAR in there somewhere?*

Mr Chittick: *No, ACIAR is not involved, as I understand it, with those particular programs, but I am happy to take on notice the specific program partners.*

Answer

Ms Bishop's most recent meeting with a Cambodia Minister, and the only meeting since QON 146 was tabled, was with Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, on 25 March 2015 in Canberra.

As set out in the response to QoN No 146 (26 February 2015):

- . Support for rice milling and export will be delivered through the existing Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain (CAVAC) program. CAVAC is delivered through the Australian managing contractor Cardno Emerging Markets, and operates through partnerships with relevant Cambodian Government departments and private sector firms engaged in the production, marketing and export of rice.
- . Australia is contributing to electoral reform by supporting improvements to Cambodia's civil registration system. Under a project managed by UNICEF, Australia is funding a team of technical experts to help the General Department of Identification to develop a strategic plan. Based on the performance of this first phase, we will consider options for further support. We are working closely with other development partners, including the Japanese Government and the European Union, to ensure that our support is well coordinated.
- . Australia's support for land mine clearance is being delivered through the existing multi-donor facility managed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Royal Government of Cambodia.

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Question No 53

Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade Disputes - Trade Disputes

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

1. Please provide a status update (since the prior update provided from Additional Estimates) on the various WTO disputes to which Australia is a party.

2. Please provide a status update (since the prior update provided at Additional Estimates) on international arbitrations to which Australia is a party.

Answer

1. Australia is not currently a complainant in any WTO dispute. It is involved as a respondent in the following active WTO disputes:
 - DS434: *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (Complaint by Ukraine – but suspended; see below);
 - DS435: *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (Complaint by Honduras);
 - DS441: *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (Complaint by Dominican Republic);
 - DS458: *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (Complaint by Cuba);
 - DS467: *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (Complaint by Indonesia)

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The status of these disputes is described below.

Tobacco Plain Packaging Disputes

WTO dispute settlement panels were established in relation to Australia's tobacco plain packaging measure at the respective 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) joined the disputes as a third party.

On 5 May 2014, the WTO Director-General appointed the panelists who will hear the disputes. The disputes are being heard together pursuant to a harmonised timetable.

On 7 May 2014, Australia filed requests for preliminary procedural rulings in relation to the panel requests made by four of the five complainants (Ukraine, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Indonesia). The Panel issued its preliminary rulings on 19 August 2014. These rulings confirmed the measures at issue in the disputes are limited to Australia's tobacco plain packaging measure and excluded certain claims from being pursued by Ukraine in its dispute.

The complainants filed their first written submissions with evidence on 8 October 2014 in Geneva. Australia filed its first written submission with evidence on 13 March 2015 in Geneva.

The Panel agreed to Ukraine's request to suspend its dispute proceedings against Australia on 29 May 2015, prior to the first oral hearing before the Panel.

Australia participated in the first oral hearing before the Panel in Geneva from 1 to 5 June 2015.

All parties, including Australia, are due to file their second written submissions on 16 September 2015.

The Panel has advised that it does not expect to issue its final report to the parties before the first half of 2016.

Third Party Cases

Australia is also a third party to the following active WTO disputes (the status of these disputes is indicated in brackets):

- *European Communities – Measures Affecting Large Civil Aircraft* (DS316) (Awaiting compliance panel report).
- *United States – Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft – Second Complaint* (DS353) (Awaiting compliance panel report).

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- *United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products* (DS381) (Compliance panel report circulated 14 April 2015, awaiting appeal).
- *United States – Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India* (DS436) (Appellate Body report adopted).
- *United States – Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from China* (DS437) (Appellate Body report adopted).
- *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods* (DS438, DS444, DS445) (Appellate Body report adopted).
- *United States – Measures Affecting the Importation of Horticultural Animals, Meat and Other Animal Products from Argentina* (DS447) (Awaiting panel report).
- *Argentina – Measures relating to Trade in Goods and Services* (DS453) (Awaiting panel report).
- *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (DS465, DS466) (Consultations phase).
- *Ukraine – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Certain Passenger Cars* (DS468) (Awaiting panel report).
- *European Union – Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Argentina* (DS473) (Panel composed and hearing scheduled).
- *European Union – Cost Adjustment Methodology and Certain Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports from Russia* (DS474) (Panel established 22 July 2014, awaiting panel composition).
- *Russian Federation – Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union* (DS475) (Awaiting Panel's final report).
- *Indonesia – Recourse to Article 22.2 of the DSU in the US – Clove Cigarettes Dispute* (DS481) (Consultations phase).
- *Indonesia – Measures Concerning the Importation of Chicken Meat and Chicken Products* (DS484) (Consultations phase).
- *United States – Conditional Tax Incentives for Large Civil Aircraft* (DS487) (Panel established 23 February 2015, awaiting panel composition).
- *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* (DS477, DS478) (Panel established 20 May 2015, awaiting panel composition).
- *India – Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products from the United States* (DS430) (Appellate Body report circulated 4 June 2015).
- *Brazil – Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges* (DS472) (Panel composed 26 March 2015).

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- *China — Measures Related to Demonstration Bases and common Service Platforms Programmes* (DS489) (Panel established 22 April 2015, awaiting panel composition).
 - *Russia — Tariff Treatment of Certain Agricultural and Manufacturing Products* (DS485) (Panel composed 25 March 2015).
2. Australia is the respondent to an investor-State dispute concerning tobacco plain packaging, brought by Philip Morris Asia (PM Asia) under the Australia-Hong Kong Bilateral Investment Treaty. The Attorney-General's Department, in collaboration with DFAT and the Department of Health, has the lead on the preparation of Australia's defence in the dispute.
- A hearing on Australia's request for bifurcation of the proceedings was held before the Tribunal in Singapore on 20 and 21 February 2014. Bifurcation describes the separation of the proceedings into two phases: a preliminary jurisdictional phase and a subsequent merits phase, if required. On 14 April 2014, the Tribunal issued Procedural Order No.8, deciding to bifurcate the proceedings.
- PM Asia submitted its Counter-Memorial on Australia's Preliminary Objections on 7 July 2014. Australia filed its Reply on 1 December 2014. PM Asia's Rejoinder was filed on 12 January 2015.
- The hearing on Preliminary Objections was held in Singapore from 16-19 February 2015. Australia expects the Tribunal to render its decision on preliminary objections later in 2015.
- The Procedural Orders of the Tribunal are available 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.
- Other international arbitrations*
- Questions regarding Australia's involvement in international arbitrations, other than those under investor-State dispute settlement provisions, should be directed to the Attorney-General's Department.

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Question No 54

Program: DFAT

Topic: Great Barrier Reef - Great Barrier Reef

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: *Thank you. It has been reported that Minister Bishop discussed the protection of the Great Barrier Reef with officials whilst in Lima—is that correct? And with whom did she discuss the Barrier Reef?*

Mr Varghese: *I would have to take that on notice. I would be not at all surprised if she did. That, as you know, is a very important objective of ours, and our ministers, both the Foreign Minister and the Trade and Investment Minister, tend to use whatever bilateral meetings they have with relevant counterparts to press our interest in ensuring that the Great Barrier Reef is not listed as endangered. Since that was a multilateral meeting, where our Foreign Minister would have had a series of counterpart meetings, I assume that there would have been a number of such opportunities.*

Senator GALLACHER: *You have mentioned Minister Robb. Was he part of those conversations? Were they meeting together?*

Mr Varghese: *I would have to take on notice to what extent their meetings were joint meetings. Normally, in those sorts of cases, they would tend to have separate meetings.*

Senator GALLACHER: *I suppose the question is whether there were any joint meetings.*

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

Answer

In Lima Minister Bishop discussed UNESCO's consideration of the Great Barrier Reef in meetings with representatives from World Heritage Committee countries: Peru, Portugal, Finland, Turkey and India. Portugal and Peru were joint meetings with Minister Robb.

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Question No 55

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - TB diagnosis

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: My questions go to whether Port Moresby is budgeted to do the samples which are currently being sent to the Queensland reference laboratory whilst the CPHL remains unable to perform the diagnosis needed. It is a detailed question whether you are funding the operation in Port Moresby or you are using the Queensland facility.

Mr Sloper: I will need take that on notice.

Senator GALLACHER: If the answer is no, could you further examine when it will become a fully functional, accredited lab for multidrug-resistant TB diagnosis.

Mr Sloper: I can assure you that we are providing funding to strengthen laboratories in Port Moresby. But whether that is now taking over the operations of the labs in Queensland, I cannot tell you now. We will take that on notice.

Answer

Australia is strengthening the capacity of the Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL) in Port Moresby to meet Papua New Guinea's (PNG) TB diagnostic needs. Subject to the procurement of equipment by PNG, the laboratory will have the technical capacity to undertake TB diagnosis. However, it will not be able to perform this until quality assurance and accreditation processes are completed, which is expected to take six months. Australia will continue funding the Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory (QMRL) during this period.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - Bipartisan trips

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Senator Gallacher

Question

1. Senator GALLACHER: Will there be any bipartisan trips this year?

Mr Varghese: I would have to take on notice whether anything is being planned by either of our ministers.

[...]

2. CHAIR: It would be interesting to have a record going back perhaps for four or five years, just to know on what occasions ministers and shadow ministers from either side, regardless of who has been in government, have actually gone so we can have an understanding as to whether they are frequent or infrequent. Is that possible?

Mr Varghese: I can take that on notice.

Answer

- (1) None are currently planned.
- (2) Bipartisan pre-Christmas visits to the Pacific were initiated by former Foreign Minister Alexander Downer in 2002. Mr Downer also led delegations in 2003 and 2004. Details of bi-partisan Ministerial delegations since 2011 are set out in the table below.

Date	Countries	Delegates
2011	Solomon Islands Federated States of Micronesia Tuvalu Samoa	The Hon Richard Marles MP The Hon Julie Bishop MP The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP The Hon Bernie Ripoll MP
2012	Republic of Marshall islands Tonga New Caledonia Vanuatu	The Hon Richard Marles MP The Hon Bob Baldwin MP Mr Ewen Jones MP Senator Louise Pratt
2013	Nauru Solomon Islands Vanuatu	The Hon Julie Bishop MP Senator the Hon Brett Mason The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP

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Question No 57

Program: DFAT

Topic: Media - Social media

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: *Do we have a list available on the DFAT website of social media accounts managed by DFAT in Australian embassies? [...]*

Senator GALLACHER: *Does this initiative have a budget? Can you point us to a yearly expenditure?*

Mr Tranter: *I will get that to you on notice. [...]*

Mr Tranter: *There is guidance, and we also follow the Australian Public Service guidance on social media use by officials.*

Senator GALLACHER: *Perhaps you could just give us the guidelines.*

Mr Tranter: *We would be happy to do that on notice.*

Answer

The list of official DFAT social media account is maintained on the DFAT website: <http://dfat.gov.au/news/Pages/social-media.aspx>.

The Australian Public Service Commission Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online (social media) can be found on the Australian Public Service Commission website:

<http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications-and-media/current-circulars-and-advice/2012/circular-20121>.

There is no single centralised budget for the department's entire social media presence and there are no costs associated with establishing and maintaining individual social media accounts. The department is currently trialing a corporate social media dashboard for users across our entire global network at a total cost of \$59,301.27 in 2014-15.

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Social media policies, support and training is coordinated centrally as part of the duties of 1.8 FTE staff with contributions from a broad range of specialist areas including legal, FOI and privacy, conduct and ethics, IT, media and public diplomacy.

The management of individual social media accounts is devolved to posts and line areas. Posts work cooperatively with attached agencies to ensure social media messaging reflects whole of government priorities. The costs and staffing resources are absorbed into the mainstream public diplomacy and communications work of a post reflecting the fact that social media is one of many channels at our disposal.

The department's social media guidelines are attached.

Attachment A: DFAT Administrative Circular P1195 - Speeches and Publications by Heads of Mission/Post and Other Departmental Staff in their Official Capacity

Attachment B: DFAT Administrative Circular P1208 - Media Engagement and Online Comment by Individuals and Entities Funded or Sponsored by Departmental Programs

Attachment C: DFAT Social Media - Policies and Procedures



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Administrative Circular

Canberra ACT 0221

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File No: 14/10

Subject: Speeches and Publications by Heads of Mission/Post and Other
Departmental Staff in their Official Capacity

This circular replaces A/C P1078 of 19 July 2011. It sets out policy and procedures for HOMs/HOPs and other departmental staff when giving public speeches or publishing material (including online) *in their official capacity*.

2. **HOMs/HOPs** giving public speeches or publishing material (including online) in their official capacity in their country of accreditation are not required to consult in advance with Canberra. They should use their good judgement to ensure the content and circumstances of their speeches or publications are consistent with the Government's foreign, trade and aid policy objectives.

3. HOMs/HOPs may judge that the content or context of a speech or publication is likely to generate media coverage from Australian media organisations or global outlets with likely coverage in Australia. In such cases, the proposed text or an outline should be e-mailed in advance to the FAS of the post's parent division and to the Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary and Media Branch (AS PMB). AS PMB will consult within the Department and with Ministers' offices as appropriate and advise of clearance.

4. Where speeches are delivered in Australia or material is published in Australia or on Australian-hosted online platforms, HOMs/HOPs must clear them in advance as per paragraph 3.

5. If a speech or publication generates unanticipated interest from Australian media organisations or global outlets with likely coverage in Australia, the HOM/HOP should inform the Media Liaison Section (MLS) (media@dfat.gov.au).

6. Particular care and good judgement are required in respect of online publications, given their accessibility in Australia. If HOMs/HOPs choose to maintain an official blog, the content should be unclassified and focused on their official, day-to-day activities as a HOM/HOP. Noting that the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Investment are the Government's key spokespersons and advocates of foreign, trade

and aid policy, HOM/HOP blogs should not offer general commentary on policy matters, unless it serves a local purpose.

7. **Other departmental staff** may also be authorised to give public speeches or publish material in their official capacity. Those at post should seek clearance in advance from their HOM/HOP. Those in Australia should seek clearance in advance from their divisional FAS or Deputy Secretary and should also inform AS PMB about the speech or publication. The same principles of good judgement and policy consistency apply.

Other relevant guidance

8. This circular should be read in conjunction with A/C P1161 on engaging the media and the Department's policies and procedures for departmental [social media accounts](#).

9. This circular should also be read in conjunction with the Department's policies and procedures as they relate to public speech in a *private capacity* (including online) – A/C P0805 on publications, speeches or interviews by departmental staff in their private capacity and the Conduct and Ethics Manual at Chapter 8.4 (Making Public Comment) and Chapter 8.5 (Using Internet Social Networking Tools, Blogs and Internet Chat Rooms).

Peter Varghese
Secretary



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Administrative Circular

Canberra ACT 0221

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Responsible Branch: PMB

File No: 14/10

Subject: Media Engagement and Online Comment by Individuals and Entities
Funded or Sponsored by Departmental Programs

This circular sets out principles for departmental staff for managing media engagement and online comment by individuals and entities funded or sponsored by departmental programs. These individuals and entities include: volunteers; employees and representatives of funded NGOs; cultural grant recipients; Australia Award and New Colombo Plan award recipients and alumni; associated universities; alumni networks; and contractors funded by programs.

2. While the Department has policies and procedures on media engagement and online comment by departmental staff (see Administrative Circulars P1161, P1195 and P1202), these do not apply to individuals and entities funded or sponsored by departmental programs. Nevertheless, the Department has important reputational and promotional interests in media engagement and online comment by such individuals and entities.

Program guidelines on media engagement and online comment

3. The Department's reputational and promotional interests are advanced by the practice of including guidelines on media engagement and online comment in program procedures and agreements with relevant individuals and entities. For example, existing aid grant and contract templates already contain clear provisions on media engagement and branding. Templates are available on the procurement templates intranet page.

4. When preparing program procedures and agreements, departmental staff should rely on existing departmental arrangements where relevant, or otherwise include guidelines that set minimum standards which encourage individuals and entities funded or sponsored by the program:

- to inform program managers on proposed media engagements regarding that program;
- to acknowledge the Department's funding or sponsorship in such engagements; and

- to show good judgment in use of social media on issues or in circumstances capable of being interpreted as reflecting on the program.

The Department's Media Liaison Section (MLS) (media@dfat.gov.au) can provide advice on appropriate program guidelines on media engagement and online comment.

Managing reputational risk

5. Program managers may become aware that an individual or entity funded or sponsored by a departmental program is seeking to pursue a media engagement, has undertaken a media engagement or has made online comment relevant to that program. If so, they should apply their judgment and assess whether the media engagement or online comment presents any reputational risk to the Department or the relevant program. A key consideration is whether the media engagement, online comment or their context reflects well on Australia, the Department or the program in question.

6. It is important to emphasise that in most cases, there is no reputational risk. However, if there is, program managers should consult MLS, who will provide advice on mitigating that risk (e.g. by speaking with the individual engaging with the media or making public comment in order to seek a clarification, or by preparing a set of talking points for Portfolio Ministers and the Department). They should also inform the relevant HOM/HOP.

Ensuring recognition of departmental funding

7. Program managers should also assess whether proposed media engagement sufficiently and appropriately recognises the Department's funding or sponsorship. If not, they should speak with the individual or entity in order to seek a clarification. For media products such as media releases and other publications, program managers should further assess whether departmental branding is applied appropriately. If not, they should speak with the individual or entity in order to seek a modification.

Promoting departmentally funded activities

8. Program managers should also think creatively about actively promoting funded/sponsored activities through appropriate media opportunities (e.g. media interviews, media releases, use of social media). To ensure effective coordination of proactive media engagement by the Department and our Portfolio Ministers, program managers should contact the Department's Communications Section (communications@dfat.gov.au) with such proposals. At post, they should also ensure that HOM/HOP is consulted about such proposals.

Role of Ministers and HOMs/HOPs

9. While it may be appropriate to focus such proactive media engagement exclusively on funded/sponsored individuals or entities, program managers should always first consider whether our Portfolio Ministers, HOMs/HOPs or other senior departmental officials would be better placed to engage with media about the relevant program or funded/sponsored activity. Often a collaborative approach with an Australian Government representative and a funded/sponsored individual or entity is appropriate and most effective.

10. Whether the media engagement is proactive or reactive, in accordance with A/C P1161, HOM/HOP as the senior government representative in country should always be considered first for engaging local media at post on departmental programs or funded/sponsored activities.

Other relevant guidance

11. This circular should also be read in conjunction with A/C P1161 on engaging the media; A/C P1195 on speeches and publications by Heads of Mission/Post and other departmental staff in their official capacity and; A/C P1202 on speeches, publications, online comment and media engagement by departmental staff in their private capacity.

Peter Varghese
Secretary



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Social Media - Policies and Procedures

1. Introduction

This document sets out the policies and procedures governing the use of social media by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). It also provides guidance on some of the technical aspects of social media as a vehicle for public communication.

It should be read in conjunction with Section 8.5 of the Conduct and Ethics Manual which sets out the department's policies on the private use of social networking tools by DFAT staff.

Staff should also be guided by the Australian Public Service Commission's guidance on online participation, which encompasses the Australian Public Service (APS) Values and Code of Conduct, and DFAT's Code of Conduct for Overseas Service. These guidelines highlight the need for staff to separate their personal, professional and official use of social media, and to observe appropriate standards of conduct online expected of public servants. Staff should not post information on personal or professional accounts which could be interpreted as an official position or statement on behalf of DFAT.

2. Aims and Objectives of DFAT Social Media Accounts

DFAT's social media presence provides opportunities to build and enhance Australia's international profile in pursuit of its national interest. It is an increasingly vital and dynamic tool for projecting core messages about Australia, its society, its economy, its geopolitical positioning, and to influence decision makers outside government on issues that affect Australia.

It also seeks to take advantage of web-enabled technologies to ensure the department becomes more open, accountable, responsive and efficient in communicating with the public. However, the use of social media should augment, not replace, the department's traditional communications mechanisms, with a view to reaching a wider audience. DFAT websites remain the authoritative source and repository of information, with social media messages generally directing the public to links on the relevant website page.

Consistent with the [Strategic Framework 2015-19 and Values Statement](#), the aims of DFAT social media accounts are to:

- a) project and protect our reputation as a strong, open, export-orientated trading economy and our reputation as an open liberal democracy with a strong commitment to freedom, the rule of law and democratic institutions
- b) support our economic diplomacy efforts by promoting the benefits of trade liberalisation, investment, business growth overseas and development with new and emerging economies
- c) foster public understanding of Australia's foreign, trade and aid policies and DFAT's role
- d) amplify and extend the reach of our corporate communications across the full spectrum of the department's work to a global audience
- e) provide a vehicle for direct and timely engagement with domestic and foreign publics, key institutional partners and online influencers
- f) ensure timely delivery of consular and passport messages to an increasingly mobile clientele, especially during consular crises, and
- g) provide an indicative measure of public perceptions of, and sentiment towards, Australia among foreign and domestic audiences.

Consular and Passport Information

Posts may convey routine consular or passport information for Australian expatriates or travellers via an approved, official social media account. However, it should only repeat information from the Smartraveller or Australian Passport Office websites and provide a link to the relevant page of the website. Consistent with para 8 of P1092, Travel Advice: Role of Posts and Divisions, posts must clear, through the Director CIN or CIN Duty Officer, any safety and security-related consular information they intend to issue locally, unless it is a repeat of information in the travel advisory. This applies regardless of the medium e.g. mass (electronic) mail outs to registered Australians, media talking points and official social media accounts.

For reissued travel advice, Para 18 of P1092 states that where appropriate, such as in a high-threat environment or when the level of advice is raised, posts should draw the revised advice to the attention of registered Australians, by mass mail out or the most effective available means of communication including approved official social media accounts.

The use of any post social media platform for consular messaging in the event of a crisis should be pursued separately with Consular Policy Branch.

Public Diplomacy

The department uses social media strategically to advance its targeted public diplomacy initiatives which promote Australia's economic, cultural, sporting, scientific and education assets in order to underline its credentials as a destination for business, investment, tourism and study.

Social media provides a direct link to individuals, non-government agencies and partner countries which play a vital role in the delivery of our public diplomacy programs. It is an increasingly accepted means by which governments facilitate networks and connections between people and institutions. For DFAT this means building networks amongst emerging leaders, through alumni networks generated by the New Colombo Plan, Australia Awards, Foundations, Councils and Institutes (FCIs), and broader private alumni. By sharing online content through social media, the department will seek to strengthen its engagement with think tanks and universities in Australia and overseas, and in political and business circles. It also enables the department to reach and leverage Australian-diasporic networks and diasporic communities in Australia.

3. Current Social Media used by DFAT

DFAT Canberra currently uses three centrally managed social media platforms:

- **Twitter** [@dfat](#)
- **Twitter** [@AusAWG](#)
- **Twitter** [@NewColomboPlan](#)
- **Twitter** [@smartraveller](#)
- **Facebook** [Smartraveller](#)
- **Facebook** [Council on Australia-Latin America Relations](#)
- **Facebook** [Australia-Indonesia Institute](#)
- **Facebook** [Council for Australian-Arab Relations](#)
- **LinkedIn** [DFAT Company Page](#)
- **YouTube** [DFAT channel](#)

A list of current approved social media accounts is maintained on the [DFAT website](#).

Posts and work units are also encouraged to use the English-language social media platforms managed by Canberra to reinforce public diplomacy, trade advocacy and aid program messages. Contributions to these accounts should be sent to the Communications Section (COM) via the relevant home division for section head clearance.

Individual staff in Australia and overseas, including LES, are not permitted to create or operate social media accounts which are recognisably associated with the department without prior approval. This includes social media accounts already in existence, such as expatriate groups on Facebook or alumni networks.

4. Business Plan for New Social Media Accounts

To establish a social media account, posts and work units should submit a business plan - setting out the purpose, the type of content, preferred level of functionality/interactivity, the intended audiences, languages to be used, expected duration and a brief analysis of the risks and benefits - for consideration by PMB, PDB and the relevant geographic division. HOM/HOPs are to exercise judgment about whether social media would be an effective tool in their countries of accreditation and to assess digital content in the same way they would for other media or publications. In a business plan, posts and divisions should demonstrate that they have considered the resource implications of creating and updating content, monitoring and responding to comments, measuring effectiveness using basic social media monitoring software and other issues such as disclaimers/terms of use, access controls / authorisations, record-keeping and user training. An inactive or poorly maintained site could be counter-productive in pursuing our advocacy objectives. **A business plan template** for posts and work units is at **Attachment A**.

5. Resourcing

Posts and work units should ensure they have allocated sufficient appropriately trained staff to support an ongoing social media presence. It takes time to build and sustain a community of followers. A-based and LES with responsibility for managing a social media account should have these duties included in their designated job descriptions and performance agreements. Appropriate handover arrangements should be in place for new staff assuming these roles.

6. Risk Management

Post and work units should undertake a brief risk assessment to identify and document any potential problems which might arise when using social media and ensure there are appropriate risk mitigation strategies in place for each scenario. Some potential risks include a failure to meet the intended public diplomacy objectives, breaches of information security, inadequate resources to sustain the site or legal liability arising from inaccurate or misleading information.

7. Content

DFAT social media content should be succinct and written in an informal style with links to relevant information on DFAT-managed websites, including the main departmental website, post websites, Smartraveller, Australian Passport Office, ministerial websites and any other site funded or managed by the department. Posts should consult attached agencies to develop content which reflects a whole-of-government approach to public diplomacy messaging.

Posts should consult attached agencies to plan and develop content which reflects a whole-of-government approach to public diplomacy messaging and leverages off partner organisations' social media presence.

8. Comment Moderation and Responses

DFAT generally has a 'post-moderation' policy, consistent with the [Australian Government Information Office Web 2.0 Guidelines](#), which allows comments submitted to its social media accounts to appear online automatically, where they will be reviewed and removed if necessary. Staff moderating DFAT social media accounts should have a clear understanding of the policy and receive the necessary training to assist them in their role. The **DFAT Comment Moderation Flow Chart** provides guidance when making decisions about responding to comments or questions. A copy is at [Attachment B](#).

DFAT social media accounts will be monitored during business hours (local time). Posts and work units may wish to prepare a suite of pre-approved responses to frequently asked questions which refer the public to the relevant section of DFAT websites. Creating standard responses enables staff to respond quickly and confidently to non-contentious queries when necessary.

It may be helpful for posts and work units to workshop scenarios around potential areas of uncertainty that may arise when monitoring and responding to social media comments, consistent with the Australian Public Service Commission's Guidelines. The Commission's '[REFLECT](#)' decision making model is a useful tool for assisting public servants resolve some of the 'grey' areas relating to social media participation.

9. Image Copyright and Privacy

Images (photographs and videos) used in branding official DFAT social media sites, including the profile images and photograph or video galleries, must be owned by DFAT or permission obtained from the copyright owner. Written consent must also be obtained from individuals appearing in any photograph not taken in a public place *and* in situations where the individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Where children have been photographed and they are not in a public place *and* their identity can be established, parental consent is required. Further advice is covered in the DFAT [Child Protection Policy](#) for Australia's overseas aid program. Posts should also consider the privacy and security implications of including staff names and contact details in photo captions.

Corporate images on the DFAT website may be suitable for reproducing on social media platforms. These include images on the Ministers' photo galleries, official photographs of HOM/HOPs and the Senior Executive and the DFAT Annual Report galleries. High quality stock images can be obtained from a number of public sources, including Tourism Australia: www.images.australia.com, DW Picture: www.dwpicture.com.au; iStockPhoto: www.istockphoto.com; Newspix: www.newspix.com.au and GettyImages: www.gettyimages.com. In some instances fees may apply. For further information on publishing images online, refer to [Administrative Circular P1099](#) Publishing Images (Photographs and Videos) Online: Policies and Procedures. When sourcing and obtaining images from websites, please ensure content is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution International

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10. Record-Keeping

Post should ensure that records of value are captured and maintained in a useable and accessible form in compliance with the Archives Act 1983. For further guidance refer to Administrative Circular [P0989](#) *Records Management Policy and Guidelines*, [N667/12](#) *Records Management: Advice on Managing Scanned, Vital, Social Media and Digital Photographs as DFAT records*, and any subsequent guidance issued by Corporate Records Section. Specific advice is also available from the National Archives of Australia in the document, [Social Media: Another type of Commonwealth record](#).

11. Settings: Privacy, Security

Social media account settings will need to be adjusted depending on whether or not the messages are intended to invite a conversation or for broadcast only. The [DFAT Social Media Terms of Use](#) on the DFAT website sets out the current policies with regard to comment moderation and replies. Posts should ensure there is a link and/or a translated version of the main disclaimer on the post website which covers the privacy and other legal considerations.

Due to privacy considerations, it is not appropriate to discuss passport and consular queries on social media. Users should be referred to the relevant authoritative points of contact locally or in Canberra. Standard replies should provide the phone and generic email addresses for the Australian Passport Office and the Consular Emergency Centre.

Before using social media applications on official mobile devices, please review Administrative Circular [N691/14](#): Acceptable Use Policy Mobility Devices (Smartphone and Tablets).

Work units should ensure that passwords, where applicable, are changed regularly and when there are staff changes, to minimise the risk of deliberate or unintentional misuse. Other simple procedures to preserve the integrity of account include:

- Ensure all passwords to official social media accounts are in line with DFAT's [Acceptable Use Policy: Password Management](#). A complex password is no shorter than nine characters and contains digits (0, 1, 2, 3), punctuation and special characters ({}[], . <> ;:'" ?/|\`~!@#\$%^&*()_-=) as well as letters.
- Only log on to the password-protected accounts if, and when, you need to post an official message and log off immediately afterwards.
- Do not use mobile applications such as the Twitter app to send official tweets or posts from personal mobile devices.
- If an erroneous tweet or post is sent accidentally, staff should discuss with their

supervisor in the first instance and not attempt to correct or retract the message without seeking advice.

12. Performance Reporting

To ensure social media remains an effective corporate communication tool, posts and work units managing official social media accounts are required to track and measure their performance online.

Posts and work units managing official social media accounts should regularly review the number and type of posts, number of 'likes', 'friends' or 'followers', user analytics, media coverage, protocols for managing contentious issues or negative reactions and any other issues arising from this form of public engagement. Many social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, have inbuilt analytic functions which retrieve comprehensive and accurate information about users' interactivity and the popularity of individual posts. Staff managing social media accounts should familiarise themselves with these capabilities through the Help menus.

The Department's preferred social media management tool is [Sprout Social](#), a comprehensive social media dashboard which enables users monitor their online engagement, identify audience demographics and schedule content at peak times. As it is a commercial platform, the cost of the Department's annual subscription many need to be shared with users in Canberra and at post depending on the number of log-ins required. Posts and work units should consult Communications Section (COM/PMB) to discuss their requirements and any costs in advance of seeking access and training.

13. Training

Staff involved in creating social media content and/or monitoring official accounts should ensure they are familiar with the technical aspects and style conventions unique to each platform. All platforms have inbuilt desktop help facilities. Posts and divisions should refer to these online resources before contacting COM. Posts or divisions may wish to consider procuring or delivering mandatory in-house training sessions for staff using social media as communication platform for public diplomacy, issue management and consular emergency purposes.

Communications Section (COM/PMB) can assist with training in developing communications and advocacy plans, and drafting content. Social media is covered in pre-posting Public Diplomacy training. COM and Online Communications Section (OLS/PMB) can provide advice and assistance to A-based and LES staff on a needs basis. COM, OLS and Staffing Branch should be consulted if any broader training needs are identified over time. Posts and divisions should consider the option of requiring staff to have completed a formal social media training and accreditation process before working on official social media accounts depending on their local staffing profile.

14. Australian Public Service Commission Protocol for Online Media Participation

The Australian Public Service Commission has issued protocols for online media participation by Australian Government agencies. [Circular 2012/1](#) sets out the basic principles to be observed, which relate directly to the [Australian Public Service Values and Code of Conduct](#). These principles include:

- behaving with respect and courtesy, and without harassment;
- dealing appropriately with information, recognising that some information needs to remain confidential;
- delivering services fairly, effectively, impartially and courteously to the Australian public;
- being sensitive to the diversity of the Australian public;
- taking reasonable steps to avoid conflicts of interest;
- making proper use of Commonwealth resources;
- upholding the APS Values and the integrity and good reputation of the APS; and
- not acting in a way that would call into question the APS employee's ability to be apolitical, impartial and professional in the performance of their duties.

Potential employee misconduct, such as inappropriately disclosing classified or otherwise sensitive information, misrepresenting an agency, misusing agency resources or otherwise bringing an agency or the Government into disrepute, are not exclusive to social media, and are covered by existing APS guidelines.

15. Further Advice and Assistance

Staff should consult the more detailed social media guides on the intranet relating to the operation of Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, blogs and any other platforms which may be adopted over time.

Other relevant guidance includes [Administrative Circular P1161](#), Engaging the media; [Administrative Circular P1195](#), Speeches and Publications by Heads of Mission/Post and Other Departmental Staff in their Official Capacity; [Administrative Circular P1208](#), Media Engagement and Online Comment by Individuals and Entities Funded or Sponsored by Departmental Programs; [Administrative Circular P1212](#), Communications planning and the role of the Communications Section; [Administrative Circular 1219](#), Advancing the interests of Australian business overseas; [Administrative Circular P1070](#), DFAT Twitter Account; and [Administrative Circular P1099](#), Publishing Images Online. Staff who use private social media accounts should pay particular attention to [Administrative Circular P1202](#), Speeches, Publications, Online Comment and Media Engagement by Departmental Staff in their Private Capacity.

Posts and divisions should contact COM for advice or assistance with establishing, maintaining and reporting on social media accounts by phone extension 3188, Voicenet 8616 3268, or by emailing socialmedia@dfat.gov.au.

Depending on the issue under consideration, advice should also be sought from the relevant geographic or functional area, Media Liaison Section or Public Diplomacy Branch.

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Question No 58

Program: DFAT

Topic: New Colombo Plan - New Colombo Plan

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: I want to put a couple of things on notice in respect of the Colombo Plan. Could we have the statistics of who applied? Are statistics kept? Can I ask that in respect of that?

Mr Varghese: Yes, we have a lot of statistics on the Colombo Plan. I am sure Kate Duff will be able to take you through them.

Senator GALLACHER: I would probably try to avoid the necessity of getting the answer; rather, I would just pose the question and perhaps get a complete document at a later date. We would like your statistics on the Colombo Plan, including students who have required consular assistance including, if so, the reason why and where. In relation to complaints and feedback, how many complaints have been received and for what reason, and how many complaints escalated to the Commonwealth Ombudsman? We would like the success story, but we would like to know if there is any detail around these issues. I would be very happy if those were taken on notice. Finally, who is conducting the assessments against the selection criteria? Are statistics kept regarding the assessments? Please provide statistics if possible. It is just an update on success or issues with the Colombo Plan.

Answer

Yes statistics about New Colombo Plan (NCP) mobility grants applications are kept.

In the pilot phase of the NCP, 142 mobility grants applications (covering 160 projects) were received from 38 universities and two consortia. For the scholarships round 124 applications were received from students representing 34 universities.

In the 2015 round of the NCP, 312 mobility grants applications (covering 615 projects) were received from 37 universities. For the 2015 scholarships round, 224 applications were received from students representing 34 Australian universities.

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The 2016 mobility grants funding round has closed and is currently being assessed. In this round, 835 mobility grants applications were received from 38 Australian universities and 13 consortia.

Applications for the 2016 scholarships program close on 31 August 2015.

Mobility Grants Round Assessment and Application Statistics

Mobility Grants Funding Round	Total Projects covered by applications	Projects that received funding
2014	160	156
2015	615	254
2016	835	Not yet available

Scholarship Recipient Assessment and Application Statistics

Scholarship round	Total Applications received	Number of Applicants Interviewed/ shortlisted	Scholarships Awarded
2014	124	73	40
2015	224	119	69

To date, one consular case has been recorded.

The Department has received no formal complaints from funded participants about their NCP experiences.

No complaints regarding the NCP have been recorded by the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Statistics on assessments can be found in the above tables. Assessments for the mobility grants funding rounds are conducted by relevant staff in DFAT with the Department of Education and Training. Scholarship applicants are shortlisted by staff from DFAT and the Department of Education and Training and then interviewed by high level panels. Each panel typically includes a former senior DFAT official, a senior business representative, a regional expert and a representative of the Department of Education and Training.

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Question No 59

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular services - Review of consular services

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: How much did the review cost in total?

Mr Philp: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Development of the department's Consular Strategy 2014-16 was conducted from within the resources of the Consular and Crisis Management Division.

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Question No 60

Program: DFAT

Topic: Passports - Passport fees

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: When did the ERC consult DFAT on the passport fee setting structure?

Mr Varghese: I would have to take the date on notice. We are happy to do that.

Answer

In relation to information sought on Cabinet meetings, DFAT's consistent policy is not to disclose information on Cabinet processes.

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Question No 61

Program: DFAT

Topic: Global Polio Eradication Initiative

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Senator Back

Question

CHAIR: Can you tell me Australia's contribution at our level? What is the total amount annually and which other countries, organisations, non-government organisations or philanthropic organisations contribute toward the eradication program please?

Mr McDonald: We might need to take that on notice, Chair. We certainly know what our contribution is over the next five years but it would be worth looking at other contributions. I gave the example of Garvan which also contributes to that. I would appreciate taking that on notice.

Answer

Australia's contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 2014-15 was \$20 million, bringing the total funding to GPEI to \$50 million over four years.

Australia's core contributions to key health multilateral agencies such as WHO (\$20.6 million in 2014-15), UNICEF (\$34.4 million in 2014-15), and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (\$250 million 2016-2020) also support routine immunisation which protects against the re-emergence of polio, measles and other vaccine preventable diseases.

Information on funding to GPEI by other countries, organisations, non-government organisations or philanthropic organisations can be found on the GPEI website:

<http://www.polioeradication.org/Financing.aspx>

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Question No 62

Program: DFAT

Topic: Disaster risk reduction - Typhoon Haiyan

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Senator McGrath

Question

Senator McGRATH: In relation to Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines, what stores by type and quantity were transported by air; what locations were the stores collected from; what financial costs were incurred by the Australian government in moving stores by road to where they could be then loaded onto aircraft and-or ships for movement to the Philippines; and, finally, what financial costs were incurred by the Australian government in moving stores by air and-or sea to the Philippines?

Mr Isbister: I might take on notice the details of those questions in terms of Typhoon Haiyan, but one thing I can comment on is in terms of the costs of transporting them. Obviously, though there is a cost more broadly with the utilisation of ADF assets there is not a direct cost to the department in terms of the air cost. As I also said, most of the stores that would have been used in Typhoon Haiyan were already available at Amberley or Richmond and hence would have been pre-palletted to go on to a flight. But I will take that question on notice and give you the detail that you have requested.

Answer

As part of the Australian Government's response to Typhoon Haiyan, DFAT deployed approximately 1520 family tents to the Philippines from the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot's warehouse in Subang, Malaysia. The Government of the Philippines took responsibility for the tents on arrival in Cebu which included all onward movement and distribution.

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The total cost incurred by DFAT for this deployment of Humanitarian Emergency Response Supplies was approximately USD1,032,145 broken down as follows:

Type of cost	USD
Airlift	365,100
Export cargo handling	13,000
Deployment costs - UNHRD handling and fees	12,800
Replenishment of 1,520 tents	641,245

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - Foreign Minister

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Senator Dastyari

Question

Senator DASTYARI: The register of member's interests for Ms Bishop has accommodation and meal expenses, Ministry for Foreign Affairs—UAE—which I assume is referring to the United Arab Emirates—Government, 25 to 27 January. The only reason I am raising it is that it is the only time anything of its kind appears on the register. I do not know if it is just that she took a private trip at the end of a—

Mr Varghese: We will take that on notice. I would just make one observation. It is not necessarily in relation to that particular incident or particular travel, but it is sometimes the case that a host government would meet the accommodation costs of a visiting minister, but let me take that on notice and establish whether that is the case.

Answer

The travel was for official purposes only.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Kurdistan - Support to displaced civilians in Kurdish regional government area

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Senator FAWCETT: Australia participated some months ago in helping to transport arms to the Kurds. They, according to media reports, appear to have been one of the most effective military forces there in terms of liberating, particularly, northern parts of Iraq and Syria. Do you have any update on whether we have any continuing involvement, and also what is occurring with the displaced populations, particularly the? Are we monitoring at all whether they are being assisted to go back and reclaim their homes, or are there ongoing issues in terms of booby-trapping and safety of places for them to return to live?

[...]

Mr Innes-Brown: In relation to the question about reclaiming their homes, I would have to take that on notice and get an update on that.

Answer

A. According to the International Organization for Migration, there are currently 3.1 million people displaced in Iraq, with almost 30 per cent of these in the Kurdistan Regional Government area. Significant protection concerns persist throughout the country, including kidnapping and targeted violence against minorities by Daesh. Approximately 180,000 displaced people have however returned to their place of origin following security improvements.

Families returning home after the withdrawal of armed groups remain vulnerable due to destruction of property, contamination by explosive remnants war and limited availability of food, water and health and education services. The UN does not, therefore, currently encourage organised voluntary returns of displaced people. Almost all newly liberated areas require extensive assistance, including mine and

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IED clearance. The UN Iraq Humanitarian Response Plan includes assistance for this as well as mine risk awareness for communities. These activities are however contingent on donors providing enough funding to the UN appeal, which is seeking US\$704 million for 2015 and is currently 27 per cent funded.

Australia has provided \$30 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the Iraq crisis since June 2014. Of this, \$16 million has been provided to the World Food Programme. Under the Humanitarian Response Plan, the most vulnerable 2.5 million people are being targeted with emergency food assistance, including 250,000 returnees. Australia's assistance also includes \$3 million to Plan International Australia for medical assistance in Northern Iraq. This includes a focus on returnees in Ninewa, where health services have been decimated. The activity is delivering primary and reproductive healthcare, mental health services and support for survivors of gender-based violence.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid - Aid to South Sudan

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: With regard to the assistance provided to South Sudan, could you also detail what amount of assistance is given to the extractives sector in that country?

Mr McDonald: We will take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: With regard to the questions you are taking on notice about the budget, could you provide an overall figure for South Sudan, and within that overall figure a breakdown of the aid that is going to humanitarian causes, to the extractive industries and to NGOs so that we can get a clearer overview of how that money is divided up?

Mr McDonald: As I said earlier, we will take that on notice. We do not provide money to extractive industries. We provide money to countries within Sub-Saharan Africa.

Senator RHIANNON: I have one that I understand comes from your web site: assistance is given to regulate and manage the extractive sector, to give business increased certainty, while improving mining revenue, management and overall governance.

Mr McDonald: That is what we are taking on notice in terms of the breakdown, unless Mr Innes-Brown has that handy. But that is the breakdown I think you were looking for in terms of our expenditure.

Answer

DFAT allocated \$1,453,571 to the 'Technical Assistance to the South Sudan Ministry of Petroleum and Mining' program which ran from August 2012 to 31 May 2015. The final payment was made in 2012-13.

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The total amount of development assistance given to South Sudan over the period 2013-14 to 2014-15 was \$43.865 million. Within that figure, humanitarian expenditure was \$34.75 million. Direct expenditure via NGOs was \$0.99 million. No assistance was provided to the extractives sector in that period.

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: Could you provide an update about any assistance from the overseas development program for mining work in Afghanistan?

Mr McDonald: I do not have that with me.

Senator RHIANNON: That is what you will take on notice?

Mr McDonald: Yes, I will take it on notice and we will provide you with information on our expenditure in relation to extractives in the program, across the board.

Answer

Australia's support to Afghanistan's extractives sector is provided through the World Bank-led Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), and the Australian International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC). The IM4DC concluded as scheduled on 30 June 2015.

Australia is the largest contributor to the EITI, having provided more than \$18 million since 2007 through the EITI Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF).

Afghanistan is currently the recipient of a US\$300,000 grant through the EITI MDTF to enhance its capacity to more effectively and transparently regulate its minerals and hydrocarbon resources sector.

Australia provided \$31 million to the IM4DC from 2011 to 2015. In 2012-13, through the IM4DC, six representatives from Afghanistan's Ministry of Mines attended a tailored 12-week training and research fellowship in Australia. An additional three Afghan nationals attended IM4DC training courses on Resource Governance and Mineral Economics, also in Australia.

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Question No 67

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ebola - Ebola treatment centre – medical insurance

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: Was the Aspen Medical insurance coverage for the Ebola treatment centre insured by the Commonwealth?

Mr Exell: Insurance for staff was primarily covered by Aspen itself—yes. I will have to take on notice the issue of specific details. There was some need for the Commonwealth to provide some additional support. I will take the specifics on notice.

Answer

The contract between Aspen Medical Pty Ltd and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade required Aspen Medical to arrange and maintain the following types of insurance: travel insurance, public liability insurance, motor vehicle third party property damage insurance, workers' compensation insurance (or adequate personal accident and illness insurance), property insurance, professional indemnity insurance, and medical indemnity insurance.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid - Aid to Pakistan

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Senator Gallacher

Question

Senator GALLACHER: So perhaps take on notice the program partners, purposes and performance measures in place for the \$19 million aid package. We would appreciate having a look at that.

Mr McDonald: We would be pleased to do that. The other one I should have mentioned—I think it is applicable to what you said—is water management within Pakistan. You know they have a continual series of floods and the like. So that is the other area we are focusing on: helping them with capacity around managing that on an ongoing basis.

Answer

A.

Australia continues to work closely with Pakistan to generate sustainable growth and employment through trade and investment, improvements to agricultural productivity, water resource management and industry. This is achieved by investing in health, education and women's empowerment, and the promotion of long term stability. All investments are underpinned by robust performance measures. During Minister Bishop's visit to Pakistan (6-7 May 2015), a \$24.2 million package of development assistance was announced. This included:

Supporting the rehabilitation and stabilisation of North Waziristan - \$10 million

- . Delivered through the World Bank Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the Border Areas to support the medium and longer term rehabilitation and stabilisation of North Waziristan (NWA)
 - Australia's \$10 million will assist approximately 4.8 million people across the region; specifically, 4.7 million people will benefit from the provision of improved services and 140,000 people will benefit from accessibility to improved livelihoods

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- this assistance complements Australia's contribution to the World Food Programme to assist with the return of 1.6 million displaced people in NWA.

Pakistan Trade and Investment Policy Program - \$9.9 million

- . Delivered by the World Bank, it is Australia's flagship aid for trade initiative in Pakistan and is designed to drive policy reform and strengthen regional trade
 - the program will support Pakistan to develop a regional trade strategy, provide technical advice on regulatory and institutional reform and strengthen trade at the India-Pakistan border by reducing the time, cost and documentation required to trade
 - the engagement of the private sector, including women entrepreneurs is a key focus of the program.

Humanitarian Assistance- \$3 million

- . Delivered by the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide short-term support to the 1.6 million internally displaced people from NWA
 - Australia's assistance will provide lifesaving assistance to over 51,000 families for six months, livelihood training to support 5,500 households for eighteen months, and education support through school feeding programs for over 68,000 children in 1,193 schools for two years
 - this short term assistance is complementary to the \$10 million medium-long assistance provided through the World Bank Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the Border Areas.

Improving Nutrition Initiatives- \$1.1 million

- . Delivered by WFP to strengthen policy advocacy for legislation, as well as the coordination capacity of the National Fortification Alliance, to scale up initiatives to improve nutrition indicators across Pakistan
 - Australia's assistance will strengthen coordination among national and provincial governments and partners working within the nutrition sector, support the coordination of a nutrition policy, and assist in developing nutrition regulation
 - this investment provides policy support to Australia's existing \$39 million Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Nutrition program administered by the World Bank which assists provincial governments to establish and implement Nutrition Plans in accordance with the Scaling-Up Nutrition approach

Skills Training for Marginalised Women and Girls - \$200,000

- . Delivered by the Commonwealth of Learning to develop the skills of 5,000 women and girls to better meet the needs of the local job market and improve their access to finance for small business establishment

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- this program engages local government authorities and highlights the benefits of including women in the economy through the programs learning model
- it is anticipated that local governments will adopt these learning models and support the economic empowerment of marginalised women and girls.

Australia is committed to ensuring money spent on Australia's overseas aid program is responsible, affordable and sustainable. Performance measures are implemented to ensure optimum performance.

- . The \$24.2 million package of development assistance, along with all Australian aid investments, are underpinned by the *'Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid'* policy
 - this policy links performance with funding and ensures a stronger focus on results and value for money
- . Partners delivering Australia's aid programs in Pakistan are chosen based on proven track records and long-term delivery experience in the Pakistan context
 - all partners undergo robust due diligence assessments
- . Individual investments and partners undergo extensive annual quality assurance processes
- . Australia holds positions on the Steering Committees of the World Bank's Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the Border Areas and the Pakistan Trade and Investment Policy Program.

B.

Water Resource Management - \$4 million

- The Department is supporting the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to conduct modelling of the Indus Basin to support sustainable and efficient water management and technical skills transfer to Pakistani officials
 - The program has been running since 2013, and was not included in the Minister's \$24 million announcement.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Thailand - Thailand's aid program

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Senator Back

Question

CHAIR: Perhaps you can take on notice whether Thailand is now a donor to the aid program and, if so, the extent to which it is and when that started.

Answer

While Thailand remains ODA eligible, in 2003 Thailand requested that all aid partners cease making bilateral development contributions to it.

In 2004 it established its own development assistance agency (the Thai International Cooperation Agency – TICA) which works in cooperation with bilateral, multilateral and regional partners to deliver official development assistance (ODA) as a donor.

According to TICA statistics, the total value of Thailand's International Cooperation Programme for FY13 was approximately THB431.3 million (approximately AUD16.4 million).

Thailand's main overseas development priority is providing assistance to regional neighbours in the Greater Mekong Sub-region including Burma, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on infrastructure, environment and agriculture.

Further information is available from the TICA website at <http://www.tica.thaigov.net/main/en/>.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Private sector engagement - Women and girls

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Senator Gallacher

Question

CHAIR: Can you tell me what the Australian government is doing and how is the Australia government engaging, if at all, with the private sector to further empower women and girls, especially in the areas of our geographic influence?

Ms Smith: I cannot speak to exactly what we are doing with the private sector in our country programs. I think we would have to take that on notice and come back to you on that.

Answer

- The government's aid program policy framework requires all new investments to explore innovative ways to promote private sector growth or engage the private sector in achieving development outcomes.
- In promoting private sector growth, the government maintains an ongoing commitment to be at the forefront of efforts to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.
 - Australia considers gender equality fundamental to economic growth and prosperity, which are at the heart of our foreign policy, economic diplomacy and overseas aid program efforts.
- We are engaging with the private sector in a variety of ways to increase women's economic empowerment, through measures such as improving formal workforce employment, opening up non-traditional sectors for women's employment, and reducing barriers to women entrepreneurs. We are working with legislators and financial institutions to ensure financial services, credit and capital are available for women to grow and expand their businesses. Examples include:
 - **Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development** – expands women's economic opportunities to earn an income and accumulate economic assets.

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- **Business Coalition for Women** – a group of companies and corporate leaders working together to drive positive change for women and businesses by supporting PNG businesses to increase the participation and enhance the status of women in workplaces. Partners include Westpac, Digicel, Oil Search, Exxon-Mobil, National Catering Services, Deloitte, Price-Waterhouse Coopers, Steamships Trading Company, South Pacific Brewery, and Nationwide Microbank.
- **Westpac Corporate Partnership** – delivers greater economic opportunities for women through the rollout of financial services (mobile phone and branchless banking) and improving access to loans for SMEs owned by women.
- **ANZ Partnership (MOU)** – assists women in the Pacific to participate in the formal banking system through financial inclusion, literacy and economic empowerment of women.
- **Empowering Indonesian Women for Poverty Reduction** – works with the private sector to increase women's access to jobs and remove workplace discrimination.
- **Connected Women** – accelerates female participation in the economy by partnering with private sector mobile network operators to bridge the gender gap in access and use of mobile technologies.
- **Micro Enterprise Development Program** – focuses on micro business.
- **Market Development Facility in Fiji and Timor-Leste** - undertakes gender research about challenges that women face and identifies pathways towards gender equality.
- **Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program** - undertakes studies into agricultural income and gender.
- **Partnership with World Bank/IFC** - engages South-East Asia with the private sector to promote women's economic empowerment through access to jobs, financial services, and supply chains.

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Question No 71

Program: DFAT

Topic: South China Sea - South China Sea – volume of trade

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Senator Dastyari

Question

Mr Chittick: Yes. These are necessarily rough estimates. There is no one single way to get from point A to point B in terms of our exports and imports, but we estimate that around 60 per cent of our exports and almost 40 per cent of our imports pass through the South China Sea.

Senator DASTYARI: I know this probably a too difficult thing. Do you have a dollar value on that?

Mr Chittick: No, I do not.

Senator DASTYARI: Okay. I am sure that I can, on Google, multiply that by our outgoing and incoming trade. I just want to check on that figure. I have read that figure in the Brisbane Times. It is a widely quoted figure, according to the fantastic brief I have here from the Parliamentary Library on this issue. It was cited by an interview with foreign minister Bob Carr in 2012. That is the first time I could find that 60 per cent figure reported anywhere. Where is that figure from?

Mr Chittick: I think we have been using figures similar to this for some time. I do not know the original provenance of that statistical analysis on that but I have seen figures like those for a number of years now in various briefs.

Senator DASTYARI: The point I was making, and this is the bit that, I guess, is interesting me—and if you could please take it on notice, Mr Chittick—that is a figure that has been used by foreign ministers. I assume that is a figure—although you cannot confirm this—that appeared in briefings on this issue to foreign ministers. I was just wondering where the source of that it is. I have tried to track down the source of that figure myself from what is publicly available information.

Mr Chittick: I am happy to take that on notice.

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Answer

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) is the source of the estimate that around 60 per cent of Australia's exports and almost 40 per cent of Australia's imports pass through the South China Sea. BITRE provides this analysis to DFAT on request and these estimates have remained consistent since 2012.

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Question No 72

Program: DFAT

Topic: Pakistan - Pakistan – economic empowerment of women

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Senator Back

Question:

CHAIR: *I want to ask about the government's support for women's economic empowerment in Pakistan, but I will do that after lunch. [...]*

CHAIR: *Can someone respond to my question earlier, and that is the Australian government supporting women's economic empowerment in Pakistan, please, in three minutes—unless it takes longer. We will resume after afternoon tea. I just want to know specifically what is happening.*

Mr McDonald: *Senator, I will try and assist you, but this is where the division head was ill; you might recall from yesterday. So I might have to take it on notice. I do not have that detail.*

CHAIR: *That is no problem.*

Mr McDonald: *I have got a little bit of information on Pakistan but probably not to the extent that you want.*

CHAIR: *On notice?*

Mr McDonald: *I think that might be more efficient. [...]*

Mr McDonald: *I have some information here that might be useful. We are providing \$7.5 million to a reduce violence against women and girls in Pakistan program. It is a four-year program from 2013-2017.*

CHAIR: *That is \$7.5 million over the four years?*

Mr McDonald: *Over four years. That focuses particularly on services for women and children affected by violence. It includes shelters and medical and legal services; engagement with men, women, youth, religious and community leaders to challenge attitudes and behaviours; and strengthening the capacity of the police and the judiciary to enable women to access legal support without stigma or fear. I mentioned earlier the cross-cutting nature of our women empowerment support, but there is a skills training program of \$200,000 as well from 2015-2018. It will support 5,000 women and girls in remote areas to develop skills suitable for the local job market. It is trying to empower women.*

CHAIR: *Can you tell us who the \$7.5 million is being channelled through to achieve these goals?*

Mr McDonald: *I will have to take that on notice. I am looking a little lacking in detail on this, which I apologise for.*

CHAIR: *That is fine; you were taking the whole question on notice earlier.*

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Answer

Australia's aid program to Pakistan supports the following women's economic empowerment programs:

Skills Training Program for Marginalised Women and Girls (2015-16) - \$200,000

- . In partnership with the Commonwealth of Learning, 5,000 women and girls will be supported to develop skills suitable to the local job market, and improve their access to finance to start a small business.

Challenging Gender Based Violence Program (2014-17) - \$7.5 million

- . Delivered by Troicare, the program provides support services for women and children, influences behavioural change and advocates for legislative change to ensure gender equality
 - support services include income generation activities to help survivors of domestic violence reintegrate into their community.

The Livelihood Strengthening Program (2010-15) – \$11 million

- . Delivered through local NGO, Sahard Rural Support Program (SRSP), the program supports integrated rural development projects, with a focus on women's economic empowerment
 - over 3,000 women have been able to access small amounts of finance through this program to help establish or grow their small businesses.

The Market Development Facility (2013-17) - \$9 million

- . Managed by Cardno Emerging Markets, the Market Development Facility is Australia's flagship private sector development initiative in Pakistan
 - aims to create 6,000 new jobs and increase incomes for 72,000 poor women and men in rural and urban areas by supporting innovative business ideas, investments and regulatory reforms.

Multi Donor Trust Fund for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA and Balochistan (2010-20) - \$41.5 million

- . Delivered by the World Bank, aims to support long-term rehabilitation and recovery for conflict and crisis-affected communities in Pakistan
 - over 1,200 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have received grants to revive and grow business, generating over 23,000 jobs for poor women and men.

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Question No 73

Program: DFAT

Topic: Budget - Indexation of ODA by CPI

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: *Why don't you take it on notice: does the indexation of ODA by CPI lead to a reduction in the percentage of GNI Australia will provide in ODA? [...]*

Senator WONG: *First—although I think the Secretary has taken this on notice—is it the case that, mathematically, as long as wages grow higher than income, indexing ODA to CPI will mean we will have a lower percentage of GNI as our ODA contribution, going forward?*

Mr Wood: *As we have said, the Secretary will take that on notice. [...]*

Senator WONG: *The second is: with the effect of that indexation change on Australia's ODA contribution— bearing in mind GNI is how these matters are referenced in the international fora, as per my colleague Senator McEwen's questions to your colleague—did the department provide any advice?*

Mr Wood: *Not that I am aware, no. It is ~~integral~~ I recall that the increase in CPI was part of the government's policy.*

Senator WONG: *I have put one question on notice. [...]*

Senator WONG: *I also want to know if there was any advice provided by DFAT to the minister about the effect of the CPI indexation change on Australia's ODA contributions going forward. If so, when?*

Mr Varghese: *Sure.*

Answer

A. No, CPI and GNI move independently over time.

B. No.

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Question No 74

Program: DFAT

Topic: Legal - Bilateral agreements and MoUs under consideration

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Can you just tell me, other than the trade agreements—because I will ask trade those—do we have other bilateral agreements or MoUs actively under consideration? [...]

Senator WONG: Okay. Mr French, you can take on notice a list of the bilateral agreement MOUs which are currently under discussion, can you?

Dr French: Yes.

Answer

Yes, Australia is engaged in a wide range of negotiations with bilateral partners on potential bilateral agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), other than those concerning trade.

Negotiations may be led by DFAT or other government agencies and are confidential between the participants. Some of these negotiations may be subject to national security classification.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Counter-terrorism - Man Haron Monis' letter to Attorney General - evidence of Ms Jones

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: This might be a question for the Attorney. I understand the foreign minister has just given a personal statement in the House. I wonder if you are aware of that.

Senator Brandis: I think I know what you are referring to.

Senator WONG: I am just wondering if you could advise us—because I understand that it relates to evidence given by one of your departmental secretaries; this is in your portfolio, obviously, not in your representing—the circumstances by which the incorrect evidence was ascertained?

Senator Brandis: I have read—in draft, at least—the statement that the foreign minister made, and that statement, or at least the draft of it I read earlier in the afternoon, is a full account of the circumstances, to which I have nothing to add.

Senator WONG: This was last week. When did you become aware that Ms Jones's evidence was incorrect?

Senator Brandis: I would have to check, but in the last couple of days. I should point out—you may or not be aware of this—that Ms Bishop only returned to Australia from overseas duties this morning.

Senator WONG: Could you take on notice—I appreciate we will not have the officers here—when you first became aware that the evidence was incorrect, what action was taken by you or the department as a result of ascertaining that and when the draft statement was provided to you?

Senator Brandis: I will take those questions on notice.

Answer

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This question should be directed to the Attorney General's Department.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid - Aid program support to democratic institutions and fundamental freedoms

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Senator McGrath

Question

Senator McGRATH: I want to know what policies and programs there are to actively promote and support democratic institutions and the fundamental freedoms of individual liberty, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of worship that are in our overseas aid programs. [...]

Dr Strahan: The Commonwealth does a lot of work on monitoring elections, working with member states to create laws and general democracy-building work. In fact, the Commonwealth is defined by its democratic values. So the kind of money which we deliver under the aid program to the Commonwealth we like to channel into that kind of democracy-building, election-monitoring, law-making work.

Senator McGRATH: Are you able to provide on notice a list of the programs?

Dr Strahan: Sure.

Senator McGRATH: What sort of funding are we talking about here?

Dr Strahan: It is relatively modest. We provide \$12 million in this financial year to the Commonwealth, and about a third of that probably goes into this kind of work, but I would have to give you more precise numbers on notice.

Senator McGRATH: So there is nothing specific from Australia outside the Commonwealth? There are no Australian-only programs that—

Dr Strahan: I cannot speak beyond the Commonwealth. I will offer you something helpful about the Commonwealth, but I am not knowledgeable enough about other fields.

Mr McDonald: We do focus on government and the like across the programs. If we took it on notice, we might be able to do that.

Senator McGRATH: If you take it on notice, that is fine.

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Answer

A. •As part of the aid program's 'effective governance' portfolio, Australia provides funding to a number of Commonwealth organisations and initiatives to support democratic institutions and related fundamental freedoms.

- In the 2014-15 financial year, the following initiatives were funded (figures are estimates only):

- \$990,000 for Commonwealth Secretariat election monitoring activities, involving the deployment of observer groups at the request of member state governments (70 elections observed since 1990);

- up to \$800,000 for the Commonwealth Foundation, which works to improve civil society engagement with governance institutions; and

- \$300,000 for the Royal Commonwealth Society, which promotes the values of the Commonwealth through youth empowerment, education and advocacy.

- DFAT has previously (2012) provided \$900,000 to the Commonwealth Secretariat to support the Junior Election Professionals (JEP) Initiative, which provides training opportunities for electoral officers from developing countries to strengthen election management practices across the Commonwealth.

Other Australian aid policies and program supporting democratic institutions and fundamental freedoms

- 'Effective governance' is one of the six investment priorities outlined in Australia's development policy, *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*. The policy recognises that greater representation and accountability can build a political system that reflects the values and interests of communities, increases the state's legitimacy, combats corruption and may contribute to long-term stability. The policy also acknowledges that accountable governments are more likely to ensure that growth is inclusive.

- In FY2014-15, Australian aid program investments targeting 'effective governance' are estimated to be approximately \$770 million (final expenditures still to be determined). Of this, a broad range of activities either directly or indirectly supported democratic institutions and related fundamental freedoms, including (figures are estimates only):

- Elections: \$17 million;

- Democratic participation and civil society: \$47 million;

- Media and free flow of information: \$2 million;

- Legal and judicial development: \$137 million;

- Anti-corruption organisations and institutions: \$13 million;

- Human rights: \$32 million; and

- Women's equality organisations and institutions: \$97 million.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Aid to PNG

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: *I would like to move on to Papua New Guinea. In 2015, DFAT published the assessment “A new direction for Australian aid in PNG: refocusing Australian aid to help unlock PNG’s economic potential.” [...]*

Could you identify the particular areas that would come under ‘phased reductions to basic service delivery’?

Mr Sloper: *I will need to take that on notice for the specifics. I would note that we are not moving away from the education and health sectors; what we are doing is moving away from providing some of those services directly ourselves and to support the PNG systems to mobilise their own resources to deliver in those sectors. I can take those specifics on notice.*

Senator RHIANNON: *The way you phrased your response may suggest that the level of involvement in the education and health sector is reduced. Is that the case?*

Mr Sloper: *I will take that on notice. [...]*

Senator RHIANNON: *I will ask you to take it on notice so that we get it all together—the 2013-14 and the 2014-15.*

Senator RHIANNON: *So you now fund the PNG government with it earmarked that they must fund health programs with that money?*

Mr Sloper: *I would like to take that on notice in terms of specifics, because how we deliver it within the health sector varies in different locations.*

Senator RHIANNON: *I am trying to understand the difference and if it has decreased in quantity. I understood that you did that a great deal at any rate. Huge amounts of money go to the PNG government; it always has, hasn't it?*

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Mr Sloper: *According to the sector, it varies. I think it would be best if I came back to you on notice. [...]*

Senator RHIANNON: *I think it would be useful also to help understanding in this area if you could provide the breakdown here. Of the money going into PNG and the money going into Bougainville, what is going directly to the government and the government determines how it is going to be used?*

Mr Sloper: *We provided a table in response to question 58 on 26 February at last additional estimates. We could do an updated table for you if you would like.*

Senator RHIANNON: *That would be very useful. [...]*

Senator RHIANNON: *[...] what is being done to ensure that land confiscations that often go with infrastructure projects preferably do not occur, or how do you plan to manage those? [...]*

Mr Sloper: *In terms of our aid programs, we have a range of safeguards put in place. I can take on notice and provide you with a copy of some of those guidelines.*

Senator RHIANNON: *I was particularly interested in this. If there are evictions with infrastructure projects, will the government ensure they meet the UN basic principles and guidelines on the development based evictions and displacement policy that they have?*

Mr Sloper: *I do not have the guidelines here with me, but I can take that on notice and address that point.*

Senator RHIANNON: *Thank you.*

Answer

A. Please refer to DFAT's submission to the Australian Senate Standing References Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's Bilateral Aid program in PNG for details on changes to our health and education sector support. Page 18:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

B. Health expenditure in 2013-14 was \$112 million, in 2014-15 it was \$100 million. Education expenditure in 2013-14 was \$75 million, in 2014-15 it was \$64 million.

C. In 2013-14, \$8.5 million of the \$112 million expensed through the PNG health program was allocated to the PNG Government to spend on earmarked health

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activities. In 2014-15, \$8 million was expensed from a total of \$100 million. This equates to approximately 8% of each year's total expenditure.

D. Please see table provided in response to question on notice number 50 of Budget Estimates, June 2015. Australia does not provide direct budget support to the Autonomous Bougainville Government. Australian aid provides support for priorities agreed with the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the Papua New Guinea Government.

E. Yes. DFAT is committed to meeting in full all applicable principles and guidelines outlined in the UN policy.

Please refer to DFAT's website that provides information on DFAT's approach to physical or economic displacement as a result of aid program activities:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/displacement-and-resettlement-of-people-in-development-activities.aspx>

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Ambassador for the Environment - Ambassador for the Environment – travel costs

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Senator Waters

Question

Senator WATERS: In relation to the trips that Australia's Ambassador for the Environment has taken in the last six months to various different destinations for the purposes of discussing the state of the reef, do you have a costing there for his travel and accommodation?

Dr Strahan: A lot of the accounts for that are being tabulated, so I cannot give you an accurate figure right now, so I will take that one on notice and we will give you the total figure.

Answer

\$67,487.32.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade - Trade deficit

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: I want to first go to today's news of the trade deficit, which is, seasonally adjusted, \$3.88 billion. It has been reported as the worst on record. I wonder if you can perhaps tell us if that is correct.

Mr Berne: Those data were released this morning for April—a \$3.9 billion deficit. We assessed that there were some extraneous factors at work there, in particular for the non-rural exports, which fell 7.7 per cent. Weather conditions affected coal exports. These were down 22.1 per cent. So ports in Queensland and New South Wales were affected. We also understand that some LNG exports were affected, again by some weather—the unmooring of a plant, I understand, although we are looking into that. Indeed, \$3.9 billion is large. It rivals a figure of around the same magnitude some years ago, in 2012, but it is large and it is the largest on record.

Senator WONG: That is a GFC figure, in 2012.

Mr Berne: That was post the GFC.

Senator WONG: Sorry, you are right. But one quarter?

Mr Berne: These are monthly data.

Senator WONG: Which was the month in 2012 that you are referencing?

Mr Berne: I will have to take that on notice—

Senator WONG: You referenced it.

Mr Berne: Yes, it was a 2012 figure. I will just get the month.

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Answer

- A. Response: Yes the April (preliminary) seasonally adjusted balance on trade, a deficit of \$3.888 billion was the biggest deficit on record to date, surpassing the February 2008 deficit of \$3.881 billion by \$7 million dollars.
- B. In the May release of 2 July 2015, that deficit (April) was revised to \$4.136 billion, the biggest on record.
- C. This information is publicly accessible on the ABS website, [catalogue number 5368.0, May 2015 – table 1.](#)

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Program: DFAT

Topic: US Export-Import Bank

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: How many projects are you currently involved with in association with EXIM?

Mr Hunter: When you say 'involved', do you mean for the future or previously?

Senator RHIANNON: I mean currently—that are currently operating. How many projects?

Mr Hunter: I will take it on notice, but my guess is that it is a handful.

Answer

One project. Efic and the Export-Import Bank of the United States are part of a syndicate of lenders to the PNG LNG Project in Papua New Guinea.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Funding to SMEs

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: *Would you take this on notice: over the past 10 years, can you list the top 10 companies according to the money received from Efic?*

Mr Hunter: *I will take that on notice, yes.*

Answer

A. Please refer to table below.

Company	Goods / Services	Export location	Facility value* (A\$m)	Current facility value (A\$m, net)
CIMIC Group (Leighton Holdings Ltd)**	Construction/Engineering	Mongolia, Indonesia, UAE, Other	393	43
Austal Ships Pty Ltd	Ship building & repair services	Turkey, Trinidad & Tobago, Denmark	307	143
Nyrstar Port Pirie Pty Ltd	Metals processing	Various countries	291	291
Brookfield Rail Pty Ltd***	Rail expansion project	Various countries	277	117
Santos Finance Ltd***	LNG exports	Various countries	246	195
Australia Rural Export Pty Ltd	Livestock	Russia, Philippines, China, Other	144	repaid
McConnell Dowell Corporation Ltd	Construction/Engineering Services	PNG, Indonesia, Thailand, other	141	29
Outotec Pty Ltd	Water Treatment	Sri Lanka	135	21
Anglo Coal Australia Pty Ltd	Coal	Various countries	114	repaid
Wellard Rural Exports Pty Ltd	Livestock	Sri Lanka, Russia, Turkey, Other	99	9

* Size of gross exposure at signing. Excludes facilities that were not utilised.

**Leighton Holdings is now owned by CIMIC Group.

***These facilities could not be provided under Efic's new Statement of Expectations.

The above table excludes project finance facilities where the financing provided was underpinned by multiple exporters providing Australian content. These projects are provided in the table below.

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Company	Goods / Services	Export location	Facility value* (A\$m)	Current facility value (A\$m, net)**
PNG LNG	Various	Papua New Guinea	383	453
Equinox Minerals Ltd	Various	Zambia	337	repaid
Emirates Aluminium (EMAL)	Various	United Arab Emirates	142	144
Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd**	Various	Various countries	142	96

* Size of gross exposure at signing.

** For PNG LNG and EMAL the net current value of the facility is higher than original value due to currency movements.

*** This facility could not be provided under Efic's new Statement of Expectations

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Question No 82

Program: DFAT

Topic: Productivity Commission recommendations

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: I will quote an estimates transcript from 2013. I asked a question and Ms Piggott answered:

[...] part of EFIC's considerations in looking at projects and agreeing to them or not includes social and environmental considerations along with the financial criteria.

Keeping that in mind, I want to revisit the Productivity Commission—I was looking at it again and I am still surprised by your resistance to picking up on some of those recommendations. One of the recommendations was that 'the minister release a national interest statement to be tabled in parliament for all ministerial directions for transactions on the national interest account'. That was rejected. It seems to me that the national interest statement is so similar to what Ms Piggott set out. Could you explain why that recommendation was not accepted?

Mr Hunter: Firstly, I am not familiar with who Ms Piggott is, but, that aside, we will take that question on notice because the national interest account is an account that Efic manages on behalf of the government, so what it chooses to disclose and not disclose is really a matter for government. [...]

Senator RHIANNON: Would you comment on the ones you did not accept at the time. We know the ones you accepted, but please comment on the ones you did not accept and whether you have revisited them.

Mr Hunter: I will take that on notice. I do not have a full copy of the Productivity Commission review in front of me and, therefore, I do not know which ones we have not adopted and which ones we have.

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Answer

A. The Government is not currently reviewing the PC recommendations that were not accepted.

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Question No 83

Program: DFAT

Topic: Question No. 76 from February 2015

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Senator RHIANNON: In your answer to question No. 76 from February 2015, you provided some figures comparing the transactions both in dollar terms and in percentage terms, and also numbers of transactions, again making the comparison in numbers and percentages. Would you update those figures and on a financial year basis, please.

Answer

A. For Financial Year 2014-15, Efic conducted 234 transactions, around 94% of which were in support of SMEs. The total value of transactions supported was around AUD179 million, with the value of SME transactions comprising around 62%. These figures exclude June 2015 transactions under Efic's risk participation agreement with the Asian Development Bank, which are not yet available.

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Question No 84

Program: DFAT

Topic: Dairy exports to China

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Mr Hunter: Twelve months ago we would have had around 15, so we have doubled the number of people. We have hired two people in Brisbane, in Melbourne and in Western Australia who are dedicated solely to originating export transactions. We look after Tasmania out of Victoria and we look after South Australia out of Western Australia. The South Australian market has actually been very active for us. We have done three transactions in the last six to 12 months in the wine industry. So the depreciation of the Aussie dollar as well as the FTAs has really opened up the wine industry for us.

Senator FAWCETT: Have you had any applications from the South Australian dairy association? They are exporting fresh milk to China at the moment and seeking to expand.

Mr Hunter: I will take that on notice. Off the top of my head, I do not know of any, but there may well be some. So I will take that on notice.

Answer

A. Whilst Efic has not received any applications from the South Australian dairy association, Efic's State Director for South Australia has met with the association.

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Question No 85

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: *Where is the million from, in the line—you know the table.*

Mr Varghese: *Sorry?*

Senator WONG: *The \$1 million under the trade facilitation agreement.*

Mr Varghese: *Yes.*

Senator WONG: *And it is ODA eligible. The table that was handed up with all the line items that you are now hiding; you are not putting in the budget papers. You are putting them on a website—*

Mr Varghese: *That is on the website, yes.*

Senator WONG: *but it is hard to access. I just want to know which line item the \$1 million comes from.*

Mr Varghese: *I do not know the answer to that. If I can take it on notice.*

Senator WONG: *Take it on notice, yes.*

Answer

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) is funded under Australia's Global Trade Integration Facility which was announced in July 2014. The relevant budget line item is "Infrastructure and Rural Development" (see table 1a: ODA allocations at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx#allocations>).

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Question No 86

Program: DFAT

Topic: Investment Facilitation Arrangements

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: If the agreement does not preclude the minister from imposing such requirements, can I infer that it would not prevent the parliament from doing that too?

Ms Adams: I recall that we had an exchange about this before. The logic of this arrangement is that it would be negotiated by a project proponent at the early stage of a major investment, which is what the scope is. I am not sure how logical it is to be doing labour market testing on specific jobs when you are talking potentially about an arrangement to cover a future planned investment. I am not sure exactly how that would work. That is why labour market analysis makes more sense in advance.

Senator WONG: But doesn't that work by way of sponsorship obligations, potentially, because they are contemporaneous rolling obligations in a current labour market? Do you see what I am saying? I get what you are saying. We have agreed that there is no labour market testing up-front for whatever reasons. But the question I am asking is about the ongoing sponsorship obligations under an IFA which apply each time someone is sponsored.

Ms Adams: I think in the way it has been worked out between us in the negotiation the logic of it was to facilitate investment projects. So the idea was that it would give certainty to a project proponent that they would be able to access skilled labour from overseas—that is not just China, by the way—to the extent they thought they needed to do so to get confidence at the beginning of the project that they would be able to deliver it to their requirements.

The other side of the coin is that it was not negotiated in huge detail. It is a framework agreement that says,

'You can go and negotiate a specific agreements to cover your project.' So, therefore, all those details are not either included or excluded.

Senator WONG: I understand the policy logic or objective that you have outlined. I suppose I am just trying to understand the legal space about

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whether sponsorship obligations could go to issues such as labour market testing.

Ms Adams: My understanding is they could—but, if you like, I will take it on notice to clarify.

Senator WONG: Okay. [...]

CHAIR: Could I just clarify a couple of points, Ms Adams. The IFAs are subject to a project value of at least \$150 million. Is that correct?

Ms Adams: That is correct.

CHAIR: That is in the sectors that we identified before dinner, which I think Mr Gosper mentioned. Is it specific to those sectors—infrastructure development in food, agribusiness, recourses, energy, transport and telecommunications, power? Is it restricted to those areas or are there projects of \$150 million or more in other, unrelated sectors as well—the others being power supply generation, environment and tourism?

Ms Adams: I think we were talking about different lists of sectors.

CHAIR: We were. But I am just asking: are they limited to those specific sectors or are they across the board?

Ms Adams: There is a specified list of sectors. I think they are in the questions on notice. I also have them here. I just need to find them.

CHAIR: Perhaps you could take that on notice. I do not want to hold up the train of conversation. [...]

Senator WONG: I would like you to take this on notice. I know this is complicated, and I know I am asking questions which appear to be going to guidelines that have not been drafted, but the nub of the question is trying to understand what scope the MOU leaves the minister and the parliament. I want to understand whether or not the MOU would preclude the minister or the parliament requiring that sponsorship obligations under an IFA include a labour market testing requirement.

Ms Adams: We will take that on notice.

Answer

There is nothing in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on an Investment Facilitation Arrangement (the "IFA MOU") that would preclude the government from requiring labour market testing.

The IFA MOU creates a two-stage framework for the establishment of Investment Facilitation Agreement (IFAs) and for labour agreements to be entered into under individual IFAs.

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An IFA will operate as an umbrella or planning document agreed with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection identifying the occupations and workforce needs associated with a major infrastructure project. Companies requesting an IFA will be required by DIBP to provide details about the project including the kinds of occupations needed, labour market analysis and a project workforce plan showing the size of the workforce by occupation over the course of the project.

Once an IFA is in place, it will operate within the framework of Australia's 457 visa program and will be implemented in accordance with DIBP's Project Agreement program. Under the Project Agreement program, employers will need to enter into "project labour agreements" in order to access temporary overseas workers under the 457 program.

Under Department Of Immigration and Border Protection guidelines, labour market testing will be required as part of the process of demonstrating a clear market need.

To be clear, if an IFA is operationalised, labour market testing, including providing evidence of domestic recruiting activity to demonstrate that there are no suitably qualified Australians, will be a requirement.

DIBP Information on Project Agreements can be accessed here: <http://www.border.gov.au/WorkinginAustralia/Documents/project-companies-submission-information.pdf>

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Program: DFAT

Topic: AUSFTA

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Senator Whish-Wilson

Question

Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have a question from a stakeholder about the Australia-US free-trade agreement concerning the review of technological protection measure exceptions made under the Copyright Act

1968. Was it part of the Australia-US free-trade agreement that this should be reviewed every four years? I just want clarification for a stakeholder. Also, has that occurred? Could you take it on notice.

Ms Adams: I am sorry but I do not recall. [...]

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could you take on notice the question of whether there have been reviews every four years? Looking at the standards for other trade negotiations.

Ms Adams: Yes.

Answer

A. Yes.

B. Two reviews have been undertaken in the ten years since the entry into force of AUSFTA in 2005, although not at four year intervals. The Government is currently considering the most recent review conducted by the Attorney-General's Department, which has portfolio responsibility for conducting the reviews.

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Question No 88

Program: DFAT

Topic: National Committee on Trade Facilitation

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Senator Wong

Question

A. Senator WONG: Is the National Committee on Trade Facilitation in existence?

Ms Holmes: There has been the process of establishing the National Committee on Trade Facilitation. As I understand it, the first meeting is not yet been held, but that is being established and that has been progressed.

Answer

Senator WONG: Are you able, on notice, to provide me with a list of the members of that committee?

Ms Holmes: Yes.

Answer

A. Yes. The inaugural meeting was held on 28 May 2015. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) chaired the Committee meeting. Representatives of the agencies and industry organisations listed below were invited to the inaugural committee meeting.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS)

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Department of Agriculture

Austrade

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Department of Industry and Science

Members of the NCTF Industry Advisory Group:

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Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)

Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA)

Shipping Australia Ltd

Freight Trade Alliance (FTA)

Food and Beverage Importer Association

Export Council of Australia

Ai Group

Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF)

B. Ms Holmes: Yes. Australia has been assisting developing countries undertake trade facilitation reforms. We are contributing \$6 million over three years. That is in relation to the World Bank's Trade Facilitation Support Program. We have also pledged to \$1 million to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility.

Senator WONG: Is that \$1 million a single donation or is it \$250,000 over four years? Do you want to take that on notice?

Ms Adams: It is a single.

Ms Holmes: It is a single, one-off donation at this stage.

Senator WONG: Has that been transacted?

Ms Holmes: My understanding is that we have pledged that, but I will have to take on notice whether we have actually paid that.

Answer

B. Australia's contribution to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility was processed on 9 June 2015.

C. Senator WONG: Is that ODA eligible?

Ms Holmes: Yes.

Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice, because I do not want to have to go through tables with Mr Wood again, Mr Varghese—

Mr Varghese: I appreciate that, Senator.

Answer

C. The contribution is ODA eligible.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade in Services Agreement

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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: Can you provide me, on notice, with the costs associated with the negotiation of this agreement for the current financial year, please?

Ms Adams: Certainly.

Answer

Participation in the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) negotiations for the 2014-15 financial year cost the Department \$257, 664.

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Question No 90

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - Trade and Investment Minister's travel to Gulf Cooperation Council states

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Senator Wong

Question

Ms Adams: Minister Robb has made clear that we would like to restart the negotiations that have long lapsed with the Gulf Cooperation Council states. He did a recent trip a few weeks ago to the region and met all of the relevant people across the different countries to try to encourage them to commit to a start date. Those countries have been reviewing their positions now for quite some time, so we are trying to get that going again. But I do not have a precise outcome yet.

Senator WONG: Can you tell me who was on the trip?

Ms Adams: Who from the department?

Senator WONG: Who did the public pay for?

Ms Adams: An assistant secretary from the Department of Foreign Affairs accompanied the minister. From his office—

Senator WONG: I do not need to know the name. It was one or two staff. Why don't you take it on notice?

Answer

This information was provided in the response to Question on Notice 33.

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Question No 91

Program: DFAT

Topic: Development assistance funds and abortion

Question in Writing

Senator Bullock

Question

What is the total amount of Australian development assistance funds allocated to activities which allow for the provision of abortion services, with a breakdown into specific activities or projects:

(a) expended in 2014-15;

(b) budgeted for 2015-16; and

(c) in the forward estimates for each of the years 2016-17; 2017-18 and 2018-19?

Answer

a) Australia provides funding for health activities implemented by organisations with mandates that allow, within the laws of the countries concerned, the provision of safe abortion and post-abortion services as part of their comprehensive response to reproductive healthcare needs. Expenditure for programs in 2014-15 will not be known until after the end of the financial year.

b) Expenditure in 2015-16 is being considered in line with government priorities.

c) Expenditure on family planning and reproductive health activities for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 will be determined following annual budget allocations.

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Question No 92

Program: DFAT

Topic: International Planned Parenthood Federation

Question in Writing

Senator Bullock

Question

1. Page 31 of the 2013 Financial Statements of the IPPF record \$A 6 million as being received by IPPF from the Government of Australia in 2013 as "Unrestricted Funds". On page 30 of the 2013 Financial Statements, it states "Unrestricted – where the funds are not restricted as to use but may be applied for any purpose within the charity's objects." Please clarify if this is an accurate description of these funds. May they be applied "for any purpose within the charity's [i.e IPPF's] objects"?

2. In the answer to Question No 82 asked by Senator Bullock for Additional Estimates 2015 it is stated that "IPPF allocates funds to member associations in a way that ensures it complies with its contractual obligations to the Government of Australia".

(a) What are these contractual obligations ?

(b) Please provide copies of all documents setting out these contractual obligations.

(c) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the allocation by the IPPF to its member associations of funds provided by Australia for each financial year since 2009/10.

3. Please provide copies of any correspondence between IPPF and any of its member associations relating to the expenditure of allocated funds that originate from Australian development assistance funds.

4. In the answer to Question No 83 asked by Senator Bullock for Additional Estimates 2015 it is stated that "IPPF's claim that 'it has not provided abortions beyond 20 weeks gestation' relates to the use of Australian development assistance funds". Which of IPPF's member associations provide abortions beyond 20 weeks gestation?

5. (a) In the answer to Question No 84 asked by Senator Bullock for Additional Estimates 2015 correspondence copies of two emails from

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Matthew Lindley, Senior Adviser, Resource Mobilization, IPPF are supplied. Is this the entire body of correspondence from the IPPF regarding “abortions performed beyond 20 weeks gestation, performed for sex selection or performed under coercion by the State”?

(b) If not please provide all such correspondence.

(c) If so, how are these brief emails considered to be sufficient on which to base an assurance that no Australian development assistance funds given to IPPF are used to fund abortions performed beyond 20 weeks gestation, performed for sex selection or performed under coercion by the State?

Answer

1. Australian core funding to IPPF is non-earmarked funding (which IPPF calls ‘unrestricted’) and is used to support IPPF’s program of work under its Strategic Framework 2005-2015 and successive Strategic Framework 2016-2022. Activities supported by Australian core funding are bound by the provisions of the Agreement between IPPF and DFAT.

2a. IPPF is required to comply with all relevant Australian Government and DFAT policies set out at <http://dfat.gov.au>, including the *Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles*, listed at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/family-planning-and-the-aid-program-guiding-principles.aspx>. The agreement with IPPF requires IPPF not to use funding to advocate for legislature change, and to ensure all member associations comply with requirements set out in “IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership” (attached at Annex 1).

2b. See response to 2a.

2c. DFAT does not have a breakdown by member association of IPPF’s allocation of Australia’s core funding (see response to A.) Acquittals of pooled donor funding to IPPF for the years 2009 to 2014 are available at: <http://www.ippf.org/resources/publications/financial-statements>.

3. DFAT does not have copies of IPPF’s correspondence with each of its member associations, as this is not a requirement of the Funding Agreement between DFAT and IPPF

4. DFAT does not have information regarding services provided by IPPF partners, as this is not a requirement of the Agreement between DFAT and IPPF.

5a, b & c. DFAT’s funding agreement with IPPF requires IPPF’s programs to be delivered in line with DFAT’s “Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles”. The Guiding Principles reflect the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action, which specifically

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urges governments to take necessary measures to reduce abortion in general and prevent pre-natal sex selection; and enable and support responsible voluntary decisions about child-bearing and methods of family planning. The Guiding Principles explicitly prohibit use of Australian funds for abortions beyond 20 weeks.

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Question No 93

Program: DFAT

Topic: ODA - East Asia / People Smuggling

Question in Writing

Senator Hanson-Young

Question

A. Does the Department know how many migrants remain stranded in the Andaman Sea today?

B. Does the Department know how many migrants died or are currently unaccounted for as a result of the recent turn-back of boats in the Andaman Sea?

C. What percentage of the migrants recently turned-back in the Andaman Sea were Rohingya?

D. What representations were made by Australia (if any) to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia in relation to the recent turn-back of boats in the Andaman Sea?

E. What representations were made by Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia (if any) to Australia in relation to the recent turn-back of boats in the Andaman Sea?

F. What position did Australia take to the 29 May meeting on People Smuggling in Bangkok and what outcomes did the meeting achieve?

G. How does persecution of the Rohingya in Burma affect instability and insecurity in South-East Asia? What impacts does this have on Australia?

H. What is Australia doing to address persecution of Rohingya in Burma?

Can the Department confirm that aid to Burma in the 2015-16 budget was cut by \$28m? What is the impact of these cuts on addressing the situation in Rakhine State? What increases to aid to Burma have been announced since the budget?

I. Does turning back boats carrying asylum-seekers in South-East Asia (including Australia) contribute to instability in the region?

Answer

A. It is not possible to obtain exact figures. As at 16 June 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization

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for Migration (IOM) estimated that approximately 1,200 people either remain at sea in the Bay of Bengal or Andaman Sea, or have disembarked on land without detection by local authorities.

- B. No.
- C. The department has no information on the background of people on any boats that were turned back.
- D. There were no representations made by Australia to Thailand, Malaysia or Indonesia in relation to this situation.
- E. There were no representations made to Australia by Thailand, Malaysia or Indonesia in relation to this situation.
- F. Australia attended the *Special Meeting on Irregular Migration in the Indian Ocean*, hosted by Thailand on 29 May. Australia was represented by the Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues and the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS). Australia highlighted its substantial investments to counter people smuggling and human trafficking, including coordination and capacity-building under the Bali Process; continued assistance through UNHCR and IOM to address the humanitarian impacts of arrivals; and humanitarian and long-term development assistance.

The meeting covered three main topics: the immediate response and protection of people stranded at sea; preventing irregular migration, people smuggling and trafficking in persons; and improving livelihoods in the countries of origin. The meeting confirmed that a regional response, including among source and transit countries, is needed to address the root causes of irregular maritime movement in the region. The official summary outlined follow-up actions, recognizing that most of these lie with the affected South-East Asian states.

The meeting did not promote resettlement, with delegates agreeing that it was not the primary solution, and could act as a pull factor. Australia was one of two countries (with the United States) to announce additional funding at the meeting, with an additional \$5 million assistance to Burma's Rakhine State and Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. The official summary of outcomes from the Special Meeting is available at: <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/media-center/14/56880-Summary-Special-Meeting-on-Irregular-Migration-in.html>.

- G. The situation in Rakhine State has led to an increased flow of irregular migration into the region in recent years. Australia has long urged Burma's government to ensure stability and security in Rakhine State and to address the underlying causes of the conflict, including by providing a clear pathway to citizenship for the Rohingya. Finding a solution to the situation in Rakhine State is also crucial to Burma's reform process. It is in Australia's interest to see these reforms succeed, and to enable Burma to become a more democratic, stable and prosperous regional player.
- H. Australia's advocacy on addressing the situation in Rakhine State, including for the Rohingya, is a priority in our bilateral engagement with Burma.

We consistently raise our concerns with all of Burma's leaders.

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We advocate for the Burmese Government to ensure a secure and stable environment for all communities in Rakhine State through:

- increasing economic opportunities for the Rohingya and other communities in Rakhine State;
- providing leadership on the issue through promoting values of tolerance and diversity;
- prosecuting perpetrators of violence in Rakhine State; and
- setting a clear pathway to citizenship for all those who identify as Rohingya.

Beyond our diplomatic efforts, we are one of the largest bilateral humanitarian donors to Rakhine State where we have provided over \$15.7 million since the violence in June 2012, including the additional funding announced at the Special Meeting on 29 May 2015 (refer to (f)), announced following the budget.

We also provide longer-term development assistance to increase the economic opportunities for all communities in Rakhine State.

The bilateral aid program for Burma was reduced by \$28 million in the 2015-16 Budget. Australia will remain one of Burma's most important development partners. Assistance to Rakhine State will not be affected.

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Question No 94

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Funding to projects

Question in Writing

Senator Madigan

Question

Can the Department please provide me with a list of all project names AusAid has been involved with in Papua New Guinea since 2008 and the area in which the project was conducted?

Answer

A list of projects funded through Australia's bilateral aid program to Papua New Guinea since 2008 is attached.

It would be a disproportional use of Departmental resources to break this down by location or area. The majority are national level programs that operate across Papua New Guinea.

Names of projects funded through Australia's bilateral aid program to Papua New Guinea since 2008

Name of project

AAPS PNG Education program 2015 intake
AAPS PNG Health Program 2015 Intake
ABI Partnerships
ABS Pacific Program
ABV Young Entrepreneur Scheme 2007-09
ACC Electoral Support to Papua New Guinea
ACC Fiji Electronic Voter registration Support
ACC support to PNG Local Level Government election
Access to Trade Related Info
ACF ADPlan 2008-09
ACFID activities to support expanded ANCP
ACIAR - PNG
ACIAR Research & Development Trust Fund
ACIAR John Allwright Fellowships
ACIAR Long term Awards - OASIS
ACIAR-AusAID Partnership in PNG
Activity 1 Laboratory Capacity Building
ADB - Microfinance Expansion Project
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Emergency Response to Oro Province Floods (2011)
Emergency Response to South Fly Floods
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Engagement of Existing ECBP Advisory Support
Enterprise Challenge Fund M&E
Enterprise Challenge Fund Pilot
EOL with SPC for RRRT
EPSG Strategic Framework and Program Design
EPSG Twinning Administrative/Operational Workshop
EPSG Twinning Independent Completion Report
EPSG Twinning Strategic Planning Workshop
Evaluation: Women's economic empowerment
Extension of Jeremy Guthrie's secondment
Family Planning NSW
FIAS - Pacific and PNG
Final Direct Support
Fisheries Adviser salary
Fisheries and Law Enforcement Ministerial Meeting
Fisheries for Food Security Program
Forum Fisheries Agency - Core Funding Support
Forum Fisheries Agency - Supplementary Support
Fragile States Research Work
Fund Management
Funding for ANCP Partnership Agreements

Funding for Oceania Customs Organisation Sec
Funding for PARIS21
Gender choices research - World Bank
Gender Equality Advocacy
Gender Equality Expert Panel - Helpdesk
Gender Equality Networking
Geoscience Strengthening Program
GIFC Program Development & Management
Go8 - UPNG Academic Volunteer Collaboration
Go8 Volunteer Program Independent Completion Report
Go8-UPNG Volunteer Collaboration Project
GoPNG Twinning Forum
Governance Partnership Facility
Grants to Australia National University
Guarding of Peace Haven
Head of Mission Educational Awards
Health & HIV Implementing Service Provider (HHISP)
Health and Education Procurement Facility
Health and Education Procurement Facility (HEPF)
Health and HIV Performance and Quality 2012-2015
Health and HIV Procurement Program
Health Program Support for HIV/AIDS Activities
Health Scholarship Awards
Health Sector Resourcing Framework
Health Service Provision Facility
Health: Capacity Building Service Centre
Higher Ed Advisor PNG and OHE Capacity Development
HIV/AIDS Adviser Costs from 2010
Hospitality, Tourism, Health, Community Services
Household Income and Expenditure Survey
HSIP Trust Account Audit
Human Rights Small Grants Scheme 2008-09
Implementation Arrangements for the new program
Improving development coordination
IMR Audit
In-Australia Support Costs
Incentive Fund Phase III
Incentive Fund Phase IV tender costs
Incentives Management Costs
independent appraisal of design
Independent Completion Reports
Independent Evaluation Review
Independent Financial Management Services
Independent review
Infrastructure for Growth Initiative (IFGI)
Infrastructure Program Development
Infrastructure Program Support
Infrastructure Support to POM TECH
initiative design
Innovative Partnerships Facility

Interim Support - Direct Funding
International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)
International Finance Corporation - PNG
International Finance Corporation Pacific E.Timor
International Mining for Development Centre
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Technical Partners
International Women's Development Agency
ISP Contract & Contract Related Costs
Issues Papers and Needs Analysis Reports
IT Production Support - Personnel
IT Systems Maintenance - Personnel
IWDA ADPlan 2008-09
IWO - travel costs
Joint Statistics Program Strategy Design
Joint Understanding Technical Enabling Unit
JU Twinning and Capacity Development
Justice Advisory Group
Justice for the Poor
Justice Program Development (JPROD)
Key Roads for Growth Maintenance Project
Kitogara Gardens
Knowledge Management and Support Unit
Kokoda Development Program (KDP) 2011-2012
Kokoda Development Program Scope & Implement
Kokoda Initiative 2011-2012
Kokoda Initiative April 2013 - June 2016
Kokoda Safety Upgrade Package
KRGMP Quality Assurance Systems Audit
L&JSP Oversight Institutions
Lae City Roads Upgrading Phases 1 & 3
Law and Justice Sector Program
Leadership & AusAID capacity building
Leadership Development Program Procurement & Mngmt
LM ADPlan 2008-09
Local Govt Partnerships Program (LGPP)
M&E for the Australian Public Service Commission
Markets Development Facility - PNG
Monitoring & Evaluation Panel
Monitoring and Evaluation Support Services
Monitoring and Evaluation Transition Program
Monitoring and Evaluation Review Panel
Monitoring and review of PNG CBA activities
MSIA ADPlan 2008-09
Multilateral Private Sector Enabling Work
National Climate Change Conferences
National Research Institute
National Road & Bridge Maintenance Prjct

National Trust A/C
Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Mapping Activity
New Ireland - Qualitative Rsch on Social Prtcn
NLDP CDD Phase 2 & AusAID program of support
NLDP Support Activities
OASIS Training
ODI Fellows 2005 - 2007 and 2006-08
ODI Fellows 2007-09 PNG&Pac
ODI Fellows, intake 2008-10
Office of the Chief Trade Adviser
Office of Urbanisation Policy Document Review
One UN Fund for PNG
One UN Fund for PNG Transition phase
Ongoing Property Costs
Operations and Public Diplomacy
OPMU Operational and Travel costs
OPMU operational costs - John Winter
OPS Operational Costs
Options Paper and Partnering Framework Proposal
Oro Flood Response
Other GoPNG Inititaives
Other OPS Operational Costs 2009-10
Oxfam Australia
Oxfam Australia ANCP Partnership
PACER Plus Support
Pacific Appliance Labelling and Standards Program
Pacific Australia CC Science &Adaptation Planniing
Pacific Benchmarking for Education Result - Pilot
Pacific Delegation to CSW
Pacific Economic Bulletin
Pacific Economic Survey 2007-08
Pacific Economic Survey 2008-09
Pacific Economic Survey 2009-2010
Pacific Education Advisor
Pacific Education Professional & Technical Support
Pacific Education Sector Support 2009-10
Pacific Emergency Response Fund - PNG
Pacific Executive Program
Pacific Facility 3
Pacific Facility III - Additional Funding 2012-14
Pacific Facility III -Additional Funding 2011-12
Pacific Facility IV - Funding 2014-18
Pacific Financial Literacy (managed by WBC)
Pacific Governance & Policy Development activities
Pacific Horticultural & Agricultural Market Access
Pacific Island Investment Training Workshop 2010
Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Phase 2
Pacific Islands Scholarships for Governance
Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum - Phase 3
Pacific Microfinance Initiative cofinancing

Pacific Ombudsman Alliance: consolidation phase
Pacific PFM Strengthening Activities
Pacific Public Sector Linkages Program
Pacific Qualifications Register Review 2010
Pacific Regional Blindness Prevention Program
Pacific Regional Symposium: Gender Based Violence
Pacific Sports Australian Leadership Award Fellows
Pacific Sports Partnerships
Pacific Sports Partnerships
Pacific Sports Partnerships - PNG Rugby
Pacific Sports Partnerships Phase 2
Pacific Women
Pacific Women in Business web content
Pacific Women in Business Website design
PACMAS 2 Communication for Development
PACMAS Phase 1 Implementing Partners
PAD Administered CBR Officers Salaries
Partner Country Support
Partnership with ASPBAE Australia
Partnerships for Financial Literacy
PATTAF
PEA for improved policy and programming
Peace Haven Lease
Pensions & Other Payments By AGRBO
PEP Pacific
PEP transition
Performance Grant 2007-08
Performance Linked Aid (DFS activity)
Performance Review and Audit
PFIP Phase 1
PFIP PNG Technical Adviser
PGLP Service Provider Contract
PGSP 08-09
PGSP Re-design
PHAMA Phase 2
PHAMA Scoping and Design
PIANZEA Electoral Activities
PIFS Support
Pillar 1 - Governance, Peacebuilding and Autonomy
Pillar 2 - Bougainville Sector Support
Pillar 3 - Economic Development
Planning and Aid Effectiveness
PM's XIII Rugby League Match
PNG
PNG - Remote Office Recurring Costs
PNG A-Based Costs
PNG Agencies Support Scheme (PASS)
PNG Anti-Corruption Support
PNG attendance of Biannual Meeting of States 3
PNG Aust'n Development Scholarships (ADS

PNG Australia HRD Facility Design
PNG Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program
PNG Capacity Development
PNG Census Support
PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Collaboration
PNG Cholera Outbreak 2009-2010
PNG Church Partnership Program
PNG Climate Change Adaptation Activities
PNG Community Development Scheme Phase 2
PNG Country Gender Assessment: Education
PNG Deployee Services - Tender Process
PNG Development Statistics-Other
PNG Economic and Public Sector Analysis
PNG Education Adviser 2010-2012
PNG Education Program 2013 Cohort
PNG Education Sector Development 2009/10
PNG Electoral Support Program
PNG Emergency Response Team
PNG Emergency Response to Severe Sea Swells
PNG Governace Facility Design
PNG Health and HIV Financing Program
PNG Health In PNG 2014 Intake
PNG Health Program 2013 Cohort
PNG Higher Education Sector Advisor
PNG Higher Education Twinning Pilot Program
PNG Incentive Fund
PNG Infrastructure Policy Development and Review
PNG Institute of Medical Research Support Phase 2
PNG landslide response - deployment of SAR Dogs
PNG LNG Sovereign Wealth Fund Advice
PNG Media Program
PNG National Museum and Art Gallery (PNMA)
PNG O-Based Costs
PNG ODI Fellows 2005-2007
PNG Post Emergency Response Team Training
PNG Program Wide Management Costs
PNG Transport - AusAID and Infrastructure RoU
PNG UN Country Fund contribution 2014-2017
PNG United Nations Country Office Assistance
PNG University System Review
PNG Volnteers' Conference 2007
PNG volunteer support costs
PNGARNet (Madang) Project
PNG-Australia Audit Office Twinnig Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Audit Office Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Audit Offices Twinning Scheme PAAOTS
PNG-Australia Customs Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Customs Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme (PAFTS)
PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme 2009-10

PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Law and Justice Partnership (PALJP)
PNG-Australia Public Service Twinning Scheme
PNG-Australia Targeted Training Facility (PATTAF)
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme (PATTS)
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australian Customs Service Twinning Scheme
Policy and Coordination costs
Political Economy Analysis (PEA)
POM Tech Business Advisor
POPs Project Phase II
Port Moresby DAP
Port Road
Post Administration Costs
Precinct Australia Public Service Commission
Precinct Education Activities
Precinct Infrastructure Activities
Precinct School of Government Activities
Prime Minister's Pacific & Allison Sudradjat Award
Procurement & Distribution of school books in PNG
Procurement of Secondary Textbooks & Equipment 201
Program Area Four - Regional Partnerships
Program development
Program Development and Coordination
Program Development and Infrastructure
Program Development Specialist 2
Program Development Specialist 3
Program Enabling Activity
Program Implementation
Program review
Program Support
Program Support Costs
Program Support Costs
Project Support, Monitoring and Evaluation
Provincial Capacity Building Program Phase 2
PSLP - APEC
PSS Budget 2008/09
PSS Budget 2009/10
PSS Budget 2010/11
PSS Budget 2011/12
PSU Annual Plan 07/08
PSWDP Strategic Partnerships
Public Financial Management Assistance
Public Sector Expenditure Control
Purchase of 100% medical supply kits in 2011
QPM operational costs - John Winter

Quality & Performance Management (QPM)
Rabaul Volcanological Observatory Program
Ramu Madang Highway Scoping
Re-design PiSGP
Reducing Cost of Remittances -PAC Phase1
refurbishment of the network
Regional and Multi-country activities
Regional Meetings
Regional Public Financial Management - Pacific
Replenishment of Supplies for PNG Stores 2011
Res 1325 for Policy Makers and NGOs
Research and consultation project
Research: CC impact on coastal fisheries
Residential Leases
Response to Local Conflict (Morobe Province)
Review and Re-design of PACMAS Phase 1
REVIEW OF DRM PROGRAM AND DESIGN OF NEW PHASE
Review of programs in the Pacific aimed at EVAW
RRRT Funding Phase: 2012 - 2016
Rural Development Program Development 2007/08
Rural Development Program Development 2008/09
Rural Development Program Development 2011/2012
RVO Twinning Program
SAA ADPlan 2008-09
Sanap Waintaim - PNG Australia HIV/AIDS Program
Save the Children Australia
SCA ADPlan 2008-09
Scholarships ALAS - Initial
Scholarships Port Moresby ADS - Initial
Scholarships Port Moresby ADS 2011 Intake
Scoping and Design of Lower Court Complex POM
Sea Level and Climate Monitoring Phase 4
Secondment of AusAID Staff
Secretariat Pac Regional Env Program (SPREP)
Security Review of Pilot Volunteer Fund Orgs
Senior Policy Advisor / TSSP Project Director
Service Delivery Innovation (IPPF/FHAs)
Service Provision Facility for Education DS
SGP Accommodation
SGP Capacity Building
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SGP Management
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SGP Mid Term Review
SGP Support
SGP Support
SH&FPA ADPlan 2008-09
Short Course Awards - 2012 Intake
SIDS Community-based Adaptation Program
SIMON/OASIS

Single Land Court Establishment
Skills Training
SMHS Business Management Unit
SOPAC
SOPAC: RIF Support
SPBEA Regional Qualifications Register: Phases 2-6
SPC Climate Change Activities
SPC Fame Programme Funding
SPC PHD Strat Plan
SPC Statistics
SPREP Core Funding
SRH Capacity Building program
Stakeholder meeting for Centre
State Society and Governance Melanesia
Strategic Director
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Strategic Policy Advisor Position
Strategies, Approaches & Modalities (SAM)
Strengthening FSV National Coordination (UNDP)
Strengthen institutions & human resource capacity
Strengthening the Sport System
Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen
Support for Australia 21 Tri Nation Meeting
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Support for CTI second phase
Support for Disaster Management
Support for Enhanced Partner Response
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Support for Regional Meetings
Support for Sub-National and Sectoral Assessments
Support to Auditor General's Office
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Support to Central Supplies & Tenders Board (CSTB)
Support to GoPNG, NGO's, multilaterals etc
Support to National Disaster Centre & Provinces
Support to Pacific NCD Framework
Support to the PNG Red Cross
Support to UNOCHA in PNG
Support to USP for PACLII: 2012 - 2016
TA - Kiribati Performance Incentives Partnership
TB Support - Package of Measures
Technical and Advisory Support
Technical Assistance to Department of Education
Technical Skills Scholarship Program
Tertiary education: mining and petroleum industry
Tertiary Health Services Phase 3
The Centre for Democratic Institutions
The Sports for Development Program PNG
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Torres Strait Treaty Zone Health Partner
Trade and Economic Analysis Program Administration
Trade Facilitation Initiative Development
Trade Negotiation Training
Tranche 2 One UN Fund for PNG
Transitional Reviews
Transport Sector Support Interim Program TSS-IP
Travel - Pacific fisheries program
Travel costs of WCPFC Chair
TSSP ISP Contract
TSSP Monitoring Review Group
TSSP Payment Facility
TSSP Secretariat Vehicle
TSSP2 - ROU DFAT and Dept of Infrastructure
TSSP2 Direct Funding (Trust Accounts)
TSSP2 Implementation Service Provider (ISP)
TSSP2 Monitoring & Review Activities
TSSP2 Program Director/ Transport Senior Adviser
TVET Post Travel and Administration
Twinning Core Management Services Coffey
UCOA ADPlan 2008-09
UN Strategic Partnerships Program
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UNDP-PC Conflict Prevention & Recovery Project
UNFPA/ARHA PGPD Program
UNIFEM Pacific Regional ERAW Facility Fund
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Uniting World
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WaterAid Australia
WCPFC Chair travel 2010
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WHO Midwifery Capacity Building Program
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Whole of Government
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Women in Leadership
World Bank - World Development Report
World Bank Adolescent Girls Initiative
World Bank Integrated Bio-Behavioural Survey
World Bank PNG Multi-Donor Trust Fund
World Bank State and Peace-building Fund
World Vision Australia
World Vision Australia ANCP Partnership
World Wide Fund for Nature Australia
WTO Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment
WVA ADPlan 2008-09
WWF ADPlan 2008-09
09/10 Salary for WOG Property Manager
2011 Intake Long Term Scholarships
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2012-13 Monitoring and Evaluation

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AAPS PNG Education program 2015 intake
AAPS PNG Health Program 2015 Intake
ABI Partnerships
ABS Pacific Program
ABV Young Entrepreneur Scheme 2007-09
ACC Electoral Support to Papua New Guinea
ACC Fiji Electronic Voter registration Support
ACC support to PNG Local Level Government election
Access to Trade Related Info
ACF ADPlan 2008-09
ACFID activities to support expanded ANCP
ACIAR - PNG
ACIAR Research & Development Trust Fund
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Emergency Response to Hides Valley Landslip
Emergency Response to Oro Province Floods (2011)
Emergency Response to South Fly Floods
engagement of COSPPac Manager January - June 2012
Engagement of Existing ECBP Advisory Support
Enterprise Challenge Fund M&E
Enterprise Challenge Fund Pilot
EOL with SPC for RRRT
EPSG Strategic Framework and Program Design
EPSG Twinning Administrative/Operational Workshop
EPSG Twinning Independent Completion Report
EPSG Twinning Strategic Planning Workshop
Evaluation: Women's economic empowerment
Extension of Jeremy Guthrie's secondment
Family Planning NSW
FIAS - Pacific and PNG
Final Direct Support
Fisheries Adviser salary
Fisheries and Law Enforcement Ministerial Meeting
Fisheries for Food Security Program
Forum Fisheries Agency - Core Funding Support
Forum Fisheries Agency - Supplementary Support
Fragile States Research Work
Fund Management
Funding for ANCP Partnership Agreements

Funding for Oceania Customs Organisation Sec
Funding for PARIS21
Gender choices research - World Bank
Gender Equality Advocacy
Gender Equality Expert Panel - Helpdesk
Gender Equality Networking
Geoscience Strengthening Program
GIFC Program Development & Management
Go8 - UPNG Academic Volunteer Collaboration
Go8 Volunteer Program Independent Completion Report
Go8-UPNG Volunteer Collaboration Project
GoPNG Twinning Forum
Governance Partnership Facility
Grants to Australia National University
Guarding of Peace Haven
Head of Mission Educational Awards
Health & HIV Implementing Service Provider (HHISP)
Health and Education Procurement Facility
Health and Education Procurement Facility (HEPF)
Health and HIV Performance and Quality 2012-2015
Health and HIV Procurement Program
Health Program Support for HIV/AIDS Activities
Health Scholarship Awards
Health Sector Resourcing Framework
Health Service Provision Facility
Health: Capacity Building Service Centre
Higher Ed Advisor PNG and OHE Capacity Development
HIV/AIDS Adviser Costs from 2010
Hospitality, Tourism, Health, Community Services
Household Income and Expenditure Survey
HSIP Trust Account Audit
Human Rights Small Grants Scheme 2008-09
Implementation Arrangements for the new program
Improving development coordination
IMR Audit
In-Australia Support Costs
Incentive Fund Phase III
Incentive Fund Phase IV tender costs
Incentives Management Costs
independent appraisal of design
Independent Completion Reports
Independent Evaluation Review
Independent Financial Management Services
Independent review
Infrastructure for Growth Initiative (IFGI)
Infrastructure Program Development
Infrastructure Program Support
Infrastructure Support to POM TECH
initiative design
Innovative Partnerships Facility

Interim Support - Direct Funding
International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)
International Finance Corporation - PNG
International Finance Corporation Pacific E.Timor
International Mining for Development Centre
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Seminar Support Scheme
International Technical Partners
International Women's Development Agency
ISP Contract & Contract Related Costs
Issues Papers and Needs Analysis Reports
IT Production Support - Personnel
IT Systems Maintenance - Personnel
IWDA ADPlan 2008-09
IWO - travel costs
Joint Statistics Program Strategy Design
Joint Understanding Technical Enabling Unit
JU Twinning and Capacity Development
Justice Advisory Group
Justice for the Poor
Justice Program Development (JPROD)
Key Roads for Growth Maintenance Project
Kitogara Gardens
Knowledge Management and Support Unit
Kokoda Development Program (KDP) 2011-2012
Kokoda Development Program Scope & Implement
Kokoda Initiative 2011-2012
Kokoda Initiative April 2013 - June 2016
Kokoda Safety Upgrade Package
KRGMP Quality Assurance Systems Audit
L&JSP Oversight Institutions
Lae City Roads Upgrading Phases 1 & 3
Law and Justice Sector Program
Leadership & AusAID capacity building
Leadership Development Program Procurement & Mngmt
LM ADPlan 2008-09
Local Govt Partnerships Program (LGPP)
M&E for the Australian Public Service Commission
Markets Development Facility - PNG
Monitoring & Evaluation Panel
Monitoring and Evaluation Support Services
Monitoring and Evaluation Transition Program
Monitoring and Evaluation Review Panel
Monitoring and review of PNG CBA activities
MSIA ADPlan 2008-09
Multilateral Private Sector Enabling Work
National Climate Change Conferences
National Research Institute
National Road & Bridge Maintenance Prjct

National Trust A/C
Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Mapping Activity
New Ireland - Qualitative Rsch on Social Prtc
NLDP CDD Phase 2 & AusAID program of support
NLDP Support Activities
OASIS Training
ODI Fellows 2005 - 2007 and 2006-08
ODI Fellows 2007-09 PNG&Pac
ODI Fellows, intake 2008-10
Office of the Chief Trade Adviser
Office of Urbanisation Policy Document Review
One UN Fund for PNG
One UN Fund for PNG Transition phase
Ongoing Property Costs
Operations and Public Diplomacy
OPMU Operational and Travel costs
OPMU operational costs - John Winter
OPS Operational Costs
Options Paper and Partnering Framework Proposal
Oro Flood Response
Other GoPNG Initatives
Other OPS Operational Costs 2009-10
Oxfam Australia
Oxfam Australia ANCP Partnership
PACER Plus Support
Pacific Appliance Labelling and Standards Program
Pacific Australia CC Science &Adaptation Planniing
Pacific Benchmarking for Education Result - Pilot
Pacific Delegation to CSW
Pacific Economic Bulletin
Pacific Economic Survey 2007-08
Pacific Economic Survey 2008-09
Pacific Economic Survey 2009-2010
Pacific Education Advisor
Pacific Education Professional & Technical Support
Pacific Education Sector Support 2009-10
Pacific Emergency Response Fund - PNG
Pacific Executive Program
Pacific Facility 3
Pacific Facility III - Additional Funding 2012-14
Pacific Facility III -Additional Funding 2011-12
Pacific Facility IV - Funding 2014-18
Pacific Financial Literacy (managed by WBC)
Pacific Governance & Policy Development activities
Pacific Horticultural & Agricultural Market Access
Pacific Island Investment Training Workshop 2010
Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Phase 2
Pacific Islands Scholarships for Governance
Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum - Phase 3
Pacific Microfinance Initiative cofinancing

Pacific Ombudsman Alliance: consolidation phase
Pacific PFM Strengthening Activities
Pacific Public Sector Linkages Program
Pacific Qualifications Register Review 2010
Pacific Regional Blindness Prevention Program
Pacific Regional Symposium: Gender Based Violence
Pacific Sports Australian Leadership Award Fellows
Pacific Sports Partnerships
Pacific Sports Partnerships
Pacific Sports Partnerships - PNG Rugby
Pacific Sports Partnerships Phase 2
Pacific Women
Pacific Women in Business web content
Pacific Women in Business Website design
PACMAS 2 Communication for Development
PACMAS Phase 1 Implementing Partners
PAD Administered CBR Officers Salaries
Partner Country Support
Partnership with ASPBAE Australia
Partnerships for Financial Literacy
PATTAF
PEA for improved policy and programming
Peace Haven Lease
Pensions & Other Payments By AGRBO
PEP Pacific
PEP transition
Performance Grant 2007-08
Performance Linked Aid (DFS activity)
Performance Review and Audit
PFIP Phase 1
PFIP PNG Technical Adviser
PGLP Service Provider Contract
PGSP 08-09
PGSP Re-design
PHAMA Phase 2
PHAMA Scoping and Design
PIANZEA Electoral Activities
PIFS Support
Pillar 1 - Governance, Peacebuilding and Autonomy
Pillar 2 - Bougainville Sector Support
Pillar 3 - Economic Development
Planning and Aid Effectiveness
PM's XIII Rugby League Match
PNG
PNG - Remote Office Recurring Costs
PNG A-Based Costs
PNG Agencies Support Scheme (PASS)
PNG Anti-Corruption Support
PNG attendance of Biannual Meeting of States 3
PNG Aust'n Development Scholarships (ADS

PNG Australia HRD Facility Design
PNG Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program
PNG Capacity Development
PNG Census Support
PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Collaboration
PNG Cholera Outbreak 2009-2010
PNG Church Partnership Program
PNG Climate Change Adaptation Activities
PNG Community Development Scheme Phase 2
PNG Country Gender Assessment: Education
PNG Deployee Services - Tender Process
PNG Development Statistics-Other
PNG Economic and Public Sector Analysis
PNG Education Adviser 2010-2012
PNG Education Program 2013 Cohort
PNG Education Sector Development 2009/10
PNG Electoral Support Program
PNG Emergency Response Team
PNG Emergency Response to Severe Sea Swells
PNG Governace Facility Design
PNG Health and HIV Financing Program
PNG Health In PNG 2014 Intake
PNG Health Program 2013 Cohort
PNG Higher Education Sector Advisor
PNG Higher Education Twinning Pilot Program
PNG Incentive Fund
PNG Infrastructure Policy Development and Review
PNG Institute of Medical Research Support Phase 2
PNG landslide response - deployment of SAR Dogs
PNG LNG Sovereign Wealth Fund Advice
PNG Media Program
PNG National Museum and Art Gallery (PNMA)
PNG O-Based Costs
PNG ODI Fellows 2005-2007
PNG Post Emergency Response Team Training
PNG Program Wide Management Costs
PNG Transport - AusAID and Infrastructure RoU
PNG UN Country Fund contribution 2014-2017
PNG United Nations Country Office Assistance
PNG University System Review
PNG Volnteers' Conference 2007
PNG volunteer support costs
PNGARNet (Madang) Project
PNG-Australia Audit Office Twinnig Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Audit Office Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Audit Offices Twinning Scheme PAAOTS
PNG-Australia Customs Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Customs Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme (PAFTS)
PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme 2009-10

PNG-Australia Finance Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Law and Justice Partnership (PALJP)
PNG-Australia Public Service Twinning Scheme
PNG-Australia Targeted Training Facility (PATTAF)
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Tax Office Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme (PATTS)
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme 2009-10
PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme Phase 2
PNG-Australian Customs Service Twinning Scheme
Policy and Coordination costs
Political Economy Analysis (PEA)
POM Tech Business Advisor
POPs Project Phase II
Port Moresby DAP
Port Road
Post Administration Costs
Precinct Australia Public Service Commission
Precinct Education Activities
Precinct Infrastructure Activities
Precinct School of Government Activities
Prime Minister's Pacific & Allison Sudradjat Award
Procurement & Distribution of school books in PNG
Procurement of Secondary Textbooks & Equipment 201
Program Area Four - Regional Partnerships
Program development
Program Development and Coordination
Program Development and Infrastructure
Program Development Specialist 2
Program Development Specialist 3
Program Enabling Activity
Program Implementation
Program review
Program Support
Program Support Costs
Program Support Costs
Project Support, Monitoring and Evaluation
Provincial Capacity Building Program Phase 2
PSLP - APEC
PSS Budget 2008/09
PSS Budget 2009/10
PSS Budget 2010/11
PSS Budget 2011/12
PSU Annual Plan 07/08
PSWDP Strategic Partnerships
Public Financial Management Assistance
Public Sector Expenditure Control
Purchase of 100% medical supply kits in 2011
QPM operational costs - John Winter

Quality & Performance Management (QPM)
Rabaul Volcanological Observatory Program
Ramu Madang Highway Scoping
Re-design PiSGP
Reducing Cost of Remittances -PAC Phase1
refurbishment of the network
Regional and Multi-country activities
Regional Meetings
Regional Public Financial Management - Pacific
Replenishment of Supplies for PNG Stores 2011
Res 1325 for Policy Makers and NGOs
Research and consultation project
Research: CC impact on coastal fisheries
Residential Leases
Response to Local Conflict (Morobe Province)
Review and Re-design of PACMAS Phase 1
REVIEW OF DRM PROGRAM AND DESIGN OF NEW PHASE
Review of programs in the Pacific aimed at EVAW
RRRT Funding Phase: 2012 - 2016
Rural Development Program Development 2007/08
Rural Development Program Development 2008/09
Rural Development Program Development 2011/2012
RVO Twinning Program
SAA ADPlan 2008-09
Sanap Waintaim - PNG Australia HIV/AIDS Program
Save the Children Australia
SCA ADPlan 2008-09
Scholarships ALAS - Initial
Scholarships Port Moresby ADS - Initial
Scholarships Port Moresby ADS 2011 Intake
Scoping and Design of Lower Court Complex POM
Sea Level and Climate Monitoring Phase 4
Secondment of AusAID Staff
Secretariat Pac Regional Env Program (SPREP)
Security Review of Pilot Volunteer Fund Orgs
Senior Policy Advisor / TSSP Project Director
Service Delivery Innovation (IPPF/FHAs)
Service Provision Facility for Education DS
SGP Accommodation
SGP Capacity Building
SGP Capacity Building
SGP Management
SGP Management
SGP Mid Term Review
SGP Support
SGP Support
SH&FPA ADPlan 2008-09
Short Course Awards - 2012 Intake
SIDS Community-based Adaptation Program
SIMON/OASIS

Single Land Court Establishment
Skills Training
SMHS Business Management Unit
SOPAC
SOPAC: RIF Support
SPBEA Regional Qualifications Register: Phases 2-6
SPC Climate Change Activities
SPC Fame Programme Funding
SPC PHD Strat Plan
SPC Statistics
SPREP Core Funding
SRH Capacity Building program
Stakeholder meeting for Centre
State Society and Governance Melanesia
Strategic Director
Strategic Partners
Strategic Policy Advisor Position
Strategies, Approaches & Modalities (SAM)
Strengthening FSV National Coordination (UNDP)
Strengthen institutions & human resource capacity
Strengthening the Sport System
Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen
Support for Australia 21 Tri Nation Meeting
Support for Coral Triangle Initiative
Support for CTI second phase
Support for Disaster Management
Support for Enhanced Partner Response
Support for Enhanced Partner Response
Support for National High Schools
Support for Regional Meetings
Support for Sub-National and Sectoral Assessments
Support to Auditor General's Office
Support to Auditor-General's office
Support to Central Supplies & Tenders Board (CSTB)
Support to GoPNG, NGO's, multilaterals etc
Support to National Disaster Centre & Provinces
Support to Pacific NCD Framework
Support to the PNG Red Cross
Support to UNOCHA in PNG
Support to USP for PACLII: 2012 - 2016
TA - Kiribati Performance Incentives Partnership
TB Support - Package of Measures
Technical and Advisory Support
Technical Assistance to Department of Education
Technical Skills Scholarship Program
Tertiary education: mining and petroleum industry
Tertiary Health Services Phase 3
The Centre for Democratic Institutions
The Sports for Development Program PNG
Tingim Laip 2

Torres Strait Treaty Zone Health Partner
Trade and Economic Analysis Program Administration
Trade Facilitation Initiative Development
Trade Negotiation Training
Tranche 2 One UN Fund for PNG
Transitional Reviews
Transport Sector Support Interim Program TSS-IP
Travel - Pacific fisheries program
Travel costs of WCPFC Chair
TSSP ISP Contract
TSSP Monitoring Review Group
TSSP Payment Facility
TSSP Secretariat Vehicle
TSSP2 - ROU DFAT and Dept of Infrastructure
TSSP2 Direct Funding (Trust Accounts)
TSSP2 Implementation Service Provider (ISP)
TSSP2 Monitoring & Review Activities
TSSP2 Program Director/ Transport Senior Adviser
TVET Post Travel and Administration
Twinning Core Management Services Coffey
UCOA ADPlan 2008-09
UN Strategic Partnerships Program
UNDP Pacific Centre
UNDP-PC Conflict Prevention & Recovery Project
UNFPA/ARHA PGPD Program
UNIFEM Pacific Regional ERAW Facility Fund
UNIFEM Support
Uniting World
University of Goroka Grant
UPNG Advisory Support
UPNG Go8 Collaboration, second round support
UPNG Infrastructure
UPNG Medical School Support Program - Grant
Violence Against Women - Pacific Fund
Volunteer Monitoring and Evaluation
Volunteer Pilot Fund - Additional Funding
Volunteer Pilot Fund Reimbursables 2011-12
Volunteer Program Implementation
Volunteers Conference
W Pacific E Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management
WASH Human Resources Capacity Shortage Analysis
WaterAid Australia
WCPFC Chair travel 2010
WHO (non RMNACH Support)
WHO Health sector Support in PNG
WHO Midwifery Capacity Building Program
WHO PNG Partnership 2012-2016
WHO Tech Support to Health Sector in PNG
Whole of Government
Whole of Government (ECP - BM & TS)

Whole of Government (ECP - Law and Justice)
Women in Leadership
World Bank - World Development Report
World Bank Adolescent Girls Initiative
World Bank Integrated Bio-Behavioural Survey
World Bank PNG Multi-Donor Trust Fund
World Bank State and Peace-building Fund
World Vision Australia
World Vision Australia ANCP Partnership
World Wide Fund for Nature Australia
WTO Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment
WVA ADPlan 2008-09
WWF ADPlan 2008-09
09/10 Salary for WOG Property Manager
2011 Intake Long Term Scholarships
2011 Intake Short Term scholarships
2012-13 Monitoring and Evaluation

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 95

Program: DFAT

Topic: Maldives

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

A. Please provide an update on the efforts to raise human rights and democratisation concerns with the Maldives Government?

a) Where are things up to there?

(b) What issues has the Australian government raised?

B. Has the Australian government provided any further specific funding to strengthen democracy and democratic institutions in the Maldives? If so how much for the last two financial years and what projects have this money funded?

C. How are the department benchmarks progressing towards democratisation going in the Maldives?

Answer

A. This matter has been addressed in response to QON 16.

B. Yes. Since 2013, DFAT has contributed \$850,000 to UNDP's *Integrated Government Program* which aims to strengthen the transparency and accountability of public institutions, promote equitable access to justice and respect for human rights. Through the program, UNDP has worked with the Elections Commission of the Maldives to provide training for 3,000 staff and polling officials, support voter education and strengthen coordination among relevant institutions on election related issues; train judiciary and; conduct human rights workshops.

DFAT's core contribution to the Commonwealth Secretariat (\$3.34 million, 2013-14) has also supported the deployment of missions in September and November 2013 to observe the Presidential elections, and March 2014 to observe the Parliamentary elections in the Maldives.

C. As a member of the Commonwealth, Maldives has subscribed to common values including the protection of human rights, the separation of power and freedom of expression. As indicated in 1(a), the Australian Government remains concerned about recent events that threaten to undermine democratic processes in the Maldives. The department will continue to closely monitor the status of democracy in the Maldives.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 96

Program: DFAT

Topic: ODA - Transparency

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Please provide details (projects) of all annual ODA eligible expenditure by the department over the last five years?

Answer

DFAT provides details of Australia's ODA project expenditure to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI). Project details since 2009-10 are available on the IATI website at <http://iatiregistry.org/dataset>. The user should select 'Australia' from the 'Publisher Country' drop-down menu.

Historical ODA expenditure data aggregated at a higher level than individual projects is published annually on the DFAT website at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/aid/statistical-summary-time-series-data/Pages/australian-aid-data.aspx>.

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates 2015, 3-4 June 2015

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 97

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Society and Governance in Melanesia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to answers provided during the recent senate estimates hearing on 4 June 2015:

Mr Daniel Sloper, First Assistant Secretary (Pacific Division) DFAT answered that the State Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) program, and its Fellow Anthony Regan, does not advise DFAT stating "He works for that group [SSGM] within the Australian National University, but it has no formal advisory role other than that we consult with a range of academics across Australia who have experiences in Papua New Guinea and he is one of those we consult with".

A February 2015 report published by DFAT entitled 'Research for better aid: An evaluation of DFAT's investments', suggests SSGM and its researchers do formally advise DFAT. The report notes, "In interviews, both SSGM and DFAT staff claim that DFAT has been relatively effective at making use of quick-turnaround analytical material and direct advice from SSGM". It also quotes from the funding agreement between SSGM and DFAT stating, "SSGM will be required to interact with [the department] at a more strategic and programmatic level than previously, and [the department] will be required to facilitate this 'step up'".

(a) Why did Mr Sloper claim that SSGM has no formal advisory role given the report's statements clarifying otherwise?

(b) Please clarify the nature of this relationship between the DFAT and SSGM?

(c) Given that DFAT contributes over \$6 million annually to SSGM, please provide a copy of or any information about the DFAT-SSGM funding agreement, October 2013.

(d) Please provide copies of any analytical materials delivered to DFAT by SSGM on Bougainville.

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Answer

A. Please refer to Mr Sloper's letter to the Committee of 2 July 2015 correcting the response referred to in the question.

B. The Department provides funding to the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program (SSGM) to conduct and disseminate research and analysis on the Pacific, to build capacities of Pacific Island scholars and to strengthen linkages with Pacific institutions.

On occasion, the Department has received advice on government policy from SSGM. This is consistent with the Department's view that research and analysis plays a role in informing the development of policy. In developing policy recommendations for Government, the Department draws on research and analysis by SSGM, as well as a range of information published by other universities and think tanks.

The views expressed by authors of SSGM reports to the Department are created independently of the Department and are not intended to be nor should be viewed as reflecting the views of the Department, or indicative of its commitment to a particular course of action.

C. The funding agreement is attached.

D. Publicly available SSGM papers and materials can be accessed from the SSGM website at <http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/ssgm/publications>.

GRANT AGREEMENT DEED

BETWEEN

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

represented by the Australian Agency for International Development
(AusAID)

ABN 62 921 558 838

and

**STATE, SOCIETY AND GOVERNANCE IN MELANESIA PROGRAM AT THE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

ABN 52 234 063 906

FOR

**Research Activity between AusAID and the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia
(SSGM) Program 2013 - 2016**

AUSAID AGREEMENT 67580

DEED made 15 day of June 2013

BETWEEN:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA represented by the Australian Agency for International Development (“AusAID”) ABN 62 921 558 838

AND

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, ABN 52 234 063 936 of The Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200 (the “Organisation”).

RECITALS:

- A. AusAID wishes to provide the Organisation with a Grant to undertake an Activity.
- B. The Organisation wishes to accept the Grant subject to the terms and conditions in this Deed.

OPERATIVE:

AusAID and the Organisation promise to carry out and complete their respective obligations in accordance with this Deed including the Deed conditions, schedules and any annexes contained herein.

EXECUTED AS A DEED by the Commonwealth, by an authorised officer, and by the Organisation, by its authorised officer.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
represented by the Australian Agency
for International Development by:

in the presence of:



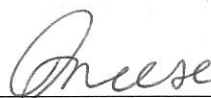
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Robert Tranter

Name

**First Assistant Director General, Pacific
Division**

Position, Section



Signature of witness

Sarah Dreesse

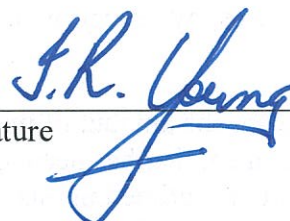
Name of witness

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SIGNED for and on behalf of
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY by:

I.R. YOUNG, Vice-Chancellor

Name and Position
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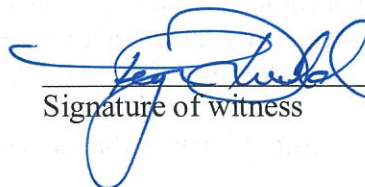
Signature

By executing this Deed the signatory warrants that he/she is duly authorised to execute this Grant Agreement Deed on behalf of the Organisation.

in the presence of:

TEGAN DONALD

Name of witness
(Print)



Signature of witness

AGREEMENT CONDITIONS

1. INTERPRETATION

Definition

- 1.1 In this Agreement, including the recitals, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Acquittal Statement” means a statement acquitting the Grant against the budget in the Activity Proposal.

“Activity” means the activity **Agreement Title** described in the Activity Proposal for which the Grant is provided.

“Activity Proposal” means the specific tasks and budget associated with the Activity included as **Schedule 1** to this Agreement.

“Agreement” means this Deed and includes the Agreement Conditions and any schedules and annexes.

“Agreement Material” means all material created or required to be developed or created as part of, or for the purpose of undertaking the Activity, including documents, equipment, information data, sounds and images stored by any means.

“Business Day” means a day on which AusAID is open for business.

“Commonwealth” means Commonwealth of Australia or AusAID, as appropriate.

“Fraudulent Activity”, “Fraud” or “Fraudulent” means dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means, and includes suspected, alleged or attempted fraud.

“Grant” means the amount of money as specified in the clause titled “Grants and Payment” of this Agreement that has been approved by AusAID and paid to the Organisation subject to the conditions outlined in this Agreement for the Activity.

“Independently Audited” means financial records audited by a certified financial professional that is in no way linked or associated with the Activity or the Parties.

“Intellectual Property” means all copyright and all rights in relation to inventions (including patent rights), trade marks, designs and confidential information, and any other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary, and artistic fields recognised in domestic law anywhere in the world.

“Partner Government” means the Government of the Partner Country.

“Partner Country” means the country or countries in which the Activity is to be undertaken in whole or in part.

“Party” means AusAID or the Organisation.

“**Personnel**” means the personnel of the Organisation who are engaged in the performance of the Activity, including the Organisation’s employees, subcontractors, agents and volunteers.

“**Prior Material**” means all material developed by the Organisation or a third party independently from the Activity whether before or after commencement of the Activity.

“**Relevant List**” means the lists of terrorist organisations made under Division 102 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) and the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* (Cth) posted at: <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/agd/www/nationalsecurity.nsf/AllDocs/95FB057CA3DECF30CA256FAB001F7FBD?OpenDocument> and http://www.dfat.gov.au/icat/UNSC_financial_sanctions.html#3

“**Similar List**” means any similar list to the World Bank List maintained by any other donor of development funding.

“**World Bank List**” means a list of organisations maintained by the World Bank in its “Listing of Ineligible Firms” or “Listings of Firms, Letters of Reprimand” posted at: <http://web.worldbank.org/external/default/main?theSitePK=84266&contentMDK=64069844&menuPK=116730&pagePK=64148989&piPK=64148984>

Agreement prevails

- 1.2 If there is any inconsistency (whether expressly referred to or to be implied from this Agreement or otherwise) between the provisions of this Agreement (“Agreement Conditions”) and those in the schedules and any annexes, the schedules and any annexes are to be read subject to the Agreement Conditions and the Agreement Conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

2. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The term of this Agreement commences upon execution by both parties being the date indicated at the front of this Agreement and continues until all obligations have been fulfilled under this Agreement, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement.
- 2.2 The Organisation must commence the Activity **1 July 2013** (or the date of signing of this Grant Agreement Deed, whichever is later) and must complete the Activity by **30 June 2017**.

3. NOTICES

- 3.1 For the purpose of serving notices to either Party, a notice must be in writing and will be treated as having been duly given and received:
 - (a) when delivered (if left at that Party’s address);
 - (b) on the third Business Day after posting (if sent by pre-paid mail); or
 - (c) on the Business Day of transmission (if given by facsimile and sent to the facsimile receiver number of that Party and no intimation having been received that the notice had not been received, whether that intimation comes from that Party or from the operation of facsimile machinery or otherwise).

- 3.2 For the purposes of this Agreement, the address of a Party is the address set out below or another address of which that Party may give notice in writing to the other Party:

AusAID:

To: Stephen Deklin
Analytical Research Unit, Pacific Division

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CANBERRA ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

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CANBERRA ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

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Organisation

To: Dr Nicole Haley

Postal Address: ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
HC Coombs Building
The Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200

Street Address: ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
HC Coombs Building
The Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200

Facsimile: +61 2 6125 9604

4. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 The Organisation must carry out the Activity in accordance with the Activity Proposal and the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.2 The Organisation must advise AusAID immediately of any difficulties or delays in implementation of the Activity.
- 4.3 The Organisation must acknowledge in writing to AusAID receipt of the Grant immediately on its receipt.
- 4.4 The Grant and any interest earned or exchange rate gains must be used diligently and for the sole purpose of the Activity outlined in **Schedule 1** of this Agreement. Any interest earned or exchange rate gains made on the Grant must only be expended on the Activity.
- 4.5 The Organisation acknowledges that the Grant provided by AusAID to the Organisation for this Activity does not entitle the Organisation to any other or further grants.

- 4.6 The Organisation must acknowledge AusAID Grant funding assistance provided under this Agreement in accordance with the *AusAID Guidelines for NGOs on the use of AusAID logos and other forms of acknowledgement* (available from AusAID's website) and discuss any matters relating to publicity or media relations before any publication or media release
- 4.7 The Organisation must not represent itself and must ensure that its Personnel participating in the Activity do not represent themselves as being employees, partners or agents of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 4.8 The Organisation must use its best endeavours to ensure that in its performance of the Activity all Personnel and their dependents, while in the Partner Country, respect the laws and regulations in force in the Partner Country.
- 4.9 The Organisation is responsible for the security of all of its Personnel and for taking-out and maintaining all appropriate insurances.
- 4.10 The Organisation must not assign its interest in this Agreement without first obtaining the consent in writing of AusAID.
- 4.11 No delay, neglect or forbearance by either Party in enforcing against the other any term or condition of this Agreement will be deemed to be a waiver or in any way prejudice any right of that Party.
- 4.12 This Agreement is governed by, and is to be construed in accordance with, the law of the Australian Capital Territory and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Australian Capital Territory and any court hearing appeals from those courts.

5. AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

- 5.1 AusAID or the Organisation may propose amendments to this Agreement at any time for the purpose of improving the delivery of the Activity, the efficiency, cost-effectiveness and development impact of the Activity.
- 5.2 Changes to this Agreement (including to **Schedule 1** and any annexes) will only be effected if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties in the form of a Deed of Amendment.

6. PROCUREMENT

- 6.1 The Organisation must not use the Grant to acquire any asset, apart from those detailed in the Activity Proposal without obtaining AusAID's prior written approval. Subject to the requirements of this clause, the Organisation will own the assets acquired with the Grant unless specified otherwise in the Activity Proposal.
- 6.2 If the Grant is being used to procure goods or services, the Organisation must implement procedures so that procurement is undertaken in a manner consistent with the Australian Commonwealth Procurement Rules (<http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/procurement-policy-and-guidance/commonwealth-procurement-rules/index.html>), in particular the core principle of achieving value for money and the supporting principles of:
 - (a) encouraging competition by ensuring non-discrimination in procurement and using competitive procurement methods;
 - (b) promoting use of resources in an efficient, effective and ethical manner; and

- (c) making decisions in an accountable and transparent manner.
- 6.3 If the Grant is being used to procure goods, the Organisation must also ensure in its procurement of goods that:
- (a) the goods to be procured are of a satisfactory quality; and
 - (b) the goods are delivered in good order and condition and in accordance with the Activity timetable.
- 6.4 If the Grant is being used to procure goods, the Organisation must maintain a Register of Activity Assets ("**Register**"). The Register must:
- (a) record non-consumable items purchased with the Grant or supplied by AusAID for the Activity which have a value of AUD1,000 (or equivalent) or more;
 - (b) record non-consumable items of a portable and attractive nature with a value of less than AUD1,000 (or equivalent); and
 - (c) record the date of receipt of the asset at the Activity site, the cost, the purchase/payment document date and reference number, a description and identification number, and the location of the asset.
- 6.5 The Organisation must not dispose of or write-off AusAID funded or provided assets except as agreed in writing by AusAID. The Register and other relevant documents such as import papers and manufacturers' warranties relating to the assets must be available for audit as required by AusAID. The Register must be reconciled with Activity assets at least every twelve months and the results of that reconciliation included in the Annual Reports required in clause titled "Reports".
7. **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**
- 7.1 The Organisation must, if required by AusAID, permit AusAID to monitor and/or evaluate the Activity and/or use of the Grant. AusAID will give the Organisation at least two (2) weeks notice of its intentions prior to commencing such a review. In that event, the Organisation must cooperate fully with any request for assistance pursuant to any such study.
8. **INDEMNITY**
- 8.1 The Organisation must at all times indemnify AusAID, its employees, agents and contractors (except the Organisation) ("**those indemnified**") from and against any loss or liability whatsoever suffered by those indemnified or arising from any claim, suit, demand, action or proceeding by any person against any of those indemnified where such loss or liability was caused or contributed to in any way by any wilfully wrongful, unlawful or negligent act or omission of the Organisation, or any of the Organisation's Personnel in connection with this Agreement.
- 8.2 The Organisation agrees that AusAID may enforce the indemnity in favour of the persons specified in **Clause 8.1** above for the benefit of each of such persons in the name of AusAID or of such persons.

8.3 The indemnity in this **Clause 8** is reduced to the extent that the loss or liability is directly caused by AusAID, its employees, agents or contractors (except the Organisation), as substantiated by the Organisation.

8.4 This indemnity survives the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

9.1 The title to all intellectual property rights in or in relation to Agreement Material created during the course of the Activity shall vest in the Organisation upon its creation. The Organisation shall grant to AusAID a world-wide, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use the material.

9.2 **Clause 9.1** does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property in any Prior Material incorporated into the Agreement Material, but the Organisation grants to AusAID a permanent, irrevocable, non-exclusive, world-wide, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, adapt and otherwise exploit such Prior Material for non-commercial purposes in conjunction with the Agreement Material. The licence granted under this **Clause 9.2** includes the right of AusAID to sub-license any of its employees, agents or contractors to use, communicate, reproduce, adapt and otherwise exploit the Prior Material incorporated into the Agreement Material for the purposes of performing functions, responsibilities, activities or services for, or on behalf of, AusAID.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

10.1 The Organisation and its Personnel must have regard to and comply with, relevant and applicable laws, guidelines, regulations and policies, including those in Australia and in the Partner Country. A list, as amended from time to time, of Australian laws and guidelines that may apply to the delivery of developmental aid to foreign countries can be found on the AusAID website: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/Pages/contracting.aspx>. This list is not exhaustive and is provided for information only. The provision of this list does not relieve the Organisation from complying with the obligations contained in this clause titled "Compliance with Laws, Guidelines and Policies".

10.2 The Organisation must have regard to and comply with the Statement of International Development Practice Principles located at **Schedule 2** to this Agreement.

10.3 The Organisation and its Personnel must comply with:

- (a) AusAID's *Child Protection Policy* (http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/7954_7703_6074_4255_4227.aspx) and particularly the child protection compliance standards at Attachment 1 to the policy. AusAID may audit the Organisation's compliance with AusAID's *Child Protection Policy* and child protection compliance standards. The Organisation must participate cooperatively in any reviews conducted by AusAID;
- (b) The Thematic Strategy 'Promoting Opportunities for All: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment' (November 2011) accessible at: http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pages/7174_3886_222_8237_2915.aspx

- (c) The strategy "Development for All": Towards a Disability-Inclusive Australian Aid Program 2009-2014' (<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/documents/dev-for-all.doc>), and in particular the strategy's six (6) guiding principles; and
- (d) *Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles* (August 2009), accessible on AusAID's website (http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pages/5045_1822_5780_5045_6070.aspx).

10.4 The Organisation must use its best endeavours to ensure:

- (a) that individuals or organisations involved in implementing the Activity are in no way linked, directly or indirectly, to organisations and individuals associated with terrorism; and
- (b) that the Grant is not used in any way to provide direct or indirect support or resources to organisations and individuals associated with terrorism.

10.5 The Organisation must have regard to the Australian Government guidance "Safeguarding your organisation against terrorism financing: a guidance for non-profit organisations", available at <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/npo>.

10.6 If, during the course of this Agreement, the Organisation discovers any link whatsoever with any organisation or individual listed on a Relevant List it must inform AusAID immediately.

10.7 If, during the course of this Agreement, the Organisation is listed on a World Bank List or Similar List it must inform AusAID immediately.

10.8 The Organisation warrants that the Organisation will not make or cause to be made, nor will the Organisation receive or seek to receive, any offer, gift or payment, consideration or benefit of any kind, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice, either directly or indirectly to any party, as an inducement or reward in relation to the execution of this Agreement. In addition, the Organisation will not bribe public officials and will ensure that its delivery organisations comply with this provision. Any breach of this **Clause 10.8** shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by notice from AusAID.

11. TERMINATION

11.1 If the Organisation:

- (a) becomes, or AusAID considers there is a reasonable prospect of the Organisation becoming bankrupt, insolvent, deregistered or no longer able to undertake the Activity to a standard acceptable to AusAID;

- (b) makes an assignment of its estate for the benefit of creditors or enters into any arrangement or composition with its creditors;
- (c) fails to commence, or in the opinion of AusAID, fails to make satisfactory progress in carrying out the Activity and such failure has not been remedied within the time specified in a written request from AusAID to remedy the failure;
- (d) assigns its interest in this Agreement without the consent in writing of AusAID;
- (e) is, during the term of this Agreement, listed on a World Bank List, Relevant List or Similar List;
- (f) breaches any of its obligations under the clause titled "Compliance with Laws, Policies and Guidelines"; or
- (g) breaches any other term of this Agreement and such breach has not been remedied within the time stipulated in a written request notice from AusAID to remedy the breach;

then in every such case AusAID may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving the Organisation notice in writing, without prejudice to any of AusAID's other rights.

- 11.2 In addition, either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving to the other a notice to terminate in writing stating the reasons for termination.
- 11.3 In the event of any termination, the Organisation must provide an Independently Audited statement of expenditure of the Grant within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice to terminate, signed by the head of the Organisation, and return any uncommitted Grant funds to AusAID.
- 11.4 In the event that a notice to terminate is given by either Party, the Organisation must:
 - (a) immediately do everything possible to prevent and mitigate all losses, costs and expenses arising in consequence of the termination of this Agreement;
 - (b) in a prompt and orderly manner cease expenditure of any uncommitted Grant funds; and
 - (c) refund any uncommitted part of the Grant already paid by AusAID, together with any uncommitted or unspent interest, within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice to terminate.
- 11.5 In the event that a notice to terminate is given by either Party, AusAID will not be liable to pay compensation in an amount which, in addition to any amounts paid or due or becoming due to the Organisation under this Agreement, together would exceed the amount of the total financial limitation of this Agreement, as specified in clause titled "Grants and Payment".

12. ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

- 12.1 The bank account used by the Organisation must be in the name of the Organisation and must not be a personal bank account.
- 12.2 The Organisation must:

- (a) maintain a sound administrative and financial system capable of verifying all Acquittal Statements;
- (b) keep proper and detailed accounts, records and assets registers along with adequate Activity management records providing clear audit trails in relation to expenditure under this Agreement;
- (c) afford adequate facilities for audit and inspection of the financial records referred to in this Agreement by AusAID and its authorised representatives at all reasonable times and allow copies and extracts to be taken;
- (d) ensure that its accounts and records are held by the Organisation for the term of this Agreement and for a period of seven (7) years from the date of expiry or termination of this Agreement;
- (e) if requested by AusAID, provide an Acquittal Statement, certified by the senior financial officer or the head of the Organisation; and
- (f) in addition to its obligation under the clause titled "Reports", if reasonably requested by AusAID in order to verify the expenditure of the Grant, provide an Acquittal Statement Independently Audited by an auditor nominated by AusAID at no cost to AusAID.

13. FRAUD

- 13.1 The Organisation and its subcontractors must not engage in any Fraudulent Activity. The Organisation is responsible for preventing and detecting Fraud.
- 13.2 The Organisation must report in writing within 5 working days to AusAID any Fraudulent Activity involving the Activity.
- 13.3 In the event of a Fraud and in consultation with AusAID, the Organisation must develop and implement a strategy to investigate, based on the principles set out in the *Australian Government Investigations Standards*. The Organisation must undertake the investigation at the Organisation's cost.
- 13.4 Following the conclusion of an investigation, where the investigation finds the Organisation or an employee or a subcontractor of the Organisation has acted in a Fraudulent manner, the Organisation shall:
 - (a) where money has been misappropriated, pay to AusAID or the Activity the full value of the Grant funds that have been misappropriated; or
 - (b) where an item of property has been misappropriated, either return the item to AusAID or the Activity or if the item cannot be recovered or has been damaged so that it is no longer usable, replace the item with one of equal quality;
 - (c) refer the matter to the relevant Partner Country police or other authorities responsible for prosecution of Fraudulent Activity; and
 - (d) keep AusAID informed, in writing, on a monthly basis, of the progress of the recovery action.

- 13.5 Following the conclusion of an investigation, where the investigation finds that a party other than the Organisation or an employee or subcontractor of the Organisation have acted in a Fraudulent manner, the Organisation shall, at the Organisation's cost make every effort to recover any Grant funds or funded property acquired or distributed through Fraudulent Activity, including without limitation, the following:
- (a) take recovery action in accordance with recovery procedures, including civil litigation, available in the Partner Country;
 - (b) refer the matter to the relevant Partner Country police or other authorities responsible for prosecution of fraudulent activity; and
 - (c) keep AusAID informed, in writing, on a monthly basis, of the progress of the recovery action.
- 13.6 If the Organisation considers that after all reasonable action has been taken to recover the Grant funds or funded property and full recovery has not been achieved or recovery has only been achieved in part, the Organisation may seek approval from AusAID that no further recovery action be taken. The Organisation must provide to AusAID all information, records and documents required by AusAID to enable the AusAID delegate to make a decision on whether to approve non-recovery of Grant funds or funded property.
- 13.7 The Organisation's obligations under this **Clause 13** survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
14. **AusAID USE OF AGREEMENT INFORMATION**
- 14.1 AusAID may disclose matters relating to this Agreement, including this Agreement, and other relevant information, except where such information may breach the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), to Commonwealth governmental departments and agencies, Commonwealth Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and to the Commonwealth Parliament, including responding to requests for information from Parliamentary committees or inquiries. In addition, AusAID may publicly report information regarding this Agreement. This clause survives the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
15. **REPORTS**
- 15.1 The Organisation must submit for the first year of the Agreement (to 30 June 2014) an **annual work program** that includes:
- (a) the planned activities for the coming twelve months to be implemented in each of the Activity's key areas of collaboration (Section 4 of **Schedule 1**); and
 - (b) a budget for the coming twelve months for each of the Activity's key areas of collaboration and for costs associated with administration of the Activity.
- 15.2 The Organisation must submit for each of the following years of the Agreement an **annual activity report**, which should not exceed five (5) pages and which has three basic parts:
- (a) A **progress report** outlining activities and achievements in the preceding twelve months in each of the Activity's key areas of collaboration against the objectives of the Activity;

- (b) A certified **statement of expenditure**; and
 - (c) An **annual work program** for the coming period that includes:
 - (i) the planned activities for the coming twelve months to be implemented in each of the Activity's key areas of collaboration (Section 4 of **Schedule 1**); and
 - (ii) a budget for the coming twelve months for each of the Activity's key areas of collaboration and for costs associated with administration of the Activity.
- 15.3 The format for the **annual activity report** will be determined in the first year of the Agreement.
- 15.4 **Variations to the annual work program:** minor variations to the **annual work program** (including to the budget components within the tranche amount) can be made by the Organisation without prior agreement by AusAID, these variations must be explained through the reporting process. Significant changes need to be agreed in writing with AusAID. Significant changes would include new activities and significant (20%+) variation(s) to a budget component of the Activity. The Organisation will consult AusAID if it is unclear whether a change is significant.
- 15.5 Within thirty (30) days of completion of the Activity, the Organisation must submit to AusAID:
- (a) a final report which provides a brief outline of the Activity and in more detail covers key outcomes compared with objectives, development impact, sustainability and lessons learned; and
 - (b) a final Acquittal Statement.
- 15.6 The final Acquittal Statement must:
- (a) include details of any interest earned on the Grant;
 - (b) be prepared in accordance with the internal and external auditing procedures laid down in the rules and regulations applicable to the Organisation;
 - (c) be Independently Audited and certified (the cost of this audit may be payable from the Grant); and
 - (d) be signed by the senior financial officer or the head of the Organisation, indicating that the Grant has been spent in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 15.7 The Organisation must repay to AusAID any unspent Grant funds or interest with the final report and Acquittal Statement.
- 15.8 The annual report, final report and Acquittal Statement must be sent to:

Stephen Deklin
Analytical Research Unit, Pacific Division
Australian Agency for International Development
GPO Box 887

CANBERRA ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA
Email: stephen.deklin@ausaid.gov.au

in the following format:

- (a) one bound hard copy; and
- (b) one electronic version in PDF (Portable Document Format).

16. GRANTS AND PAYMENT

- 16.1 AusAID will pay the Organisation an acquittable Grant up to a maximum of **AUD21,799,636**, plus GST if any up to a maximum amount of **AUD 2,179,963.60**, in tranches divided as follows:

Indicative Date	Tranche Number	Amount of Grant Funds
<i>July 2013</i> Refer to Clause 16.2 below	1	up to AUD3,979,568
<i>July 2014</i> (Refer to Clause 16.3 below)	2	up to AUD5,037,770
<i>July 2015</i> (Refer to Clause 16.3 below)	3	up to AUD6,223,305
<i>July 2016</i> (Refer to Clause 16.3 below)	4	up to AUD6,558,993
TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT		Up to \$21,799,636

- 16.2 AusAID will pay Tranche 1 within thirty (30) days of the date of this Agreement and subject to receipt of a valid invoice.
- 16.3 AusAID will pay subsequent tranches at the date indicated above subject to the Organisation:
- (a) providing an Acquittal Statement of **75 %** of the previous tranche, signed by the senior financial officer or the head of the Organisation indicating that the Grant funds being acquitted have been expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
 - (b) submitting a valid invoice; and
 - (c) making satisfactory progress with the Activity as determined by AusAID.

17. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

- 17.1 Invoices must be submitted when due in accordance with this Agreement, in a form identifying this Agreement title and Agreement number **67580**. Invoices must also contain the Payment Event number(s) notified by AusAID.
- 17.2 All invoices must be **made** to:

Chief Finance Officer
Australian Agency for International Development

GPO Box 887
CANBERRA ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

- 17.3 Invoices should be sent to the above address. Alternatively AusAID will accept electronic invoices. These can be sent to accountsprocessing@ausaid.gov.au and a copy sent to the AusAID Activity Manager.
- 17.4 Where Australian GST applies to this Agreement all invoices must be in the form of a valid tax invoice. Invalid tax invoices will be returned to organisations. Information on what constitutes a valid tax invoice can be found at:
<http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/50913.htm>

**SCHEDULE 1 – ACTIVITY PROPOSAL
TO GRANT AGREEMENT DEED NUMBER 67580**

ACTIVITY PROPOSAL - Research Activity between AusAID and the State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Program for 2013 – 2016

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 AusAID funds research to help reduce poverty and to achieve sustainable development. Good research leads to greater development effectiveness and AusAID has been a long term supporter of practical, policy-relevant social science research into development challenges.
- 1.2 The State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Program (SSGM) is a leading centre for multidisciplinary research on contemporary Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific. One of the most vibrant units in the ANU's College of Asia and the Pacific, and an established world leader in regional studies, SSGM represents the most significant concentration of scholars conducting applied policy-relevant research and advancing analysis on social change, governance, development, politics and state-society relations in Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific.

2. NATURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- 2.1 AusAID has funded SSGM since its inception and has benefited significantly from the high quality research and analysis produced by the program as well as the direct policy advice provided by SSGM's senior researchers.
- 2.2 The current funding agreement (financial years 2013/14 – 2016/17) represents a substantial increase of funding on AusAID's part to the SSGM Program. This increase reflects AusAID's recognition that research and analysis must play a central role in shaping and determining AusAID's policies and programming, particularly with respect to Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific.
- 2.3 The nature of the partnership between AusAID and SSGM must change as a result of this increased investment. SSGM will be required to interact with AusAID at a more strategic and programmatic level than previously, and AusAID will be required to facilitate this 'step up'; SSGM's governance and monitoring and evaluation structures will need to be strengthened significantly to assure AusAID that the investment is producing sound outcomes; and communication at the day to day as well as the strategic level will need to be maintained if the partnership is to be effective.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The key objectives of the SSGM Program are:
- (a) To conduct applied policy-relevant research and advance analysis on social change, governance, development, politics and state-society relations in Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific, in order to provide the research and evidence base for better informed policy-making and programs on and in Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific;

- (b) To undertake high quality scholarly research that engages with the larger questions of our disciplines;
- (c) To expand and sustain a network of Australian, regional and international research institutions and individual researchers undertaking applied research in the region;
- (d) To effectively communicate research findings to the policy making community, through discussion papers, policy briefs, commentary and analysis pieces, provision of training programs, in-house seminars, briefings and policy advice; and
- (e) To train and nurture the next generation of Pacific & Timor-Leste researchers, whilst supporting activities that build the capacity of local researchers from the region.

4. WORKPLANS

4.1 SSGM will produce annual work plans to AusAID for comment and input. These annual plans will outline the Activities that AusAID will fund for the relevant financial year, together with a budget. The Activities being funded by AusAID will focus on the following four key areas:

(a) Support for the core research program

Funding will be provided to support SSGM's annual research work plan. AusAID is keen to support the production of high-quality background research on issues that fall within SSGM's core research agenda and that at the same time are of particular relevance to aid policy and development more broadly.

(b) Support to build and maintain regional partnerships and international linkages

Funding will be provided to support SSGM's efforts towards developing and maintaining collaborative partnerships with regional institutions and linkages with recognized international research institutions. These relationships will ensure that SSGM is linked in to the latest thinking and research in the region and on the international stage. This funding will support SSGM attendance and participation at key academic conferences, and will support SSGM's signature annual conference – *The State of the Pacific*.

(c) Support for effective research communication and training

Funding research will provide decision makers with practical, policy relevant solutions to development challenges. In order to achieve this objective and to maximize the impact of AusAID supported research on policy and program development, AusAID places a particular emphasis on the dissemination of research findings and on effective research communication. SSGM will develop a strategic approach to communicating research findings to AusAID, whole-of-government partners and Pacific partner countries. This approach will build on existing activities (such as AusAID seminars, advisory briefings, discussion papers and Pacific Island workshops; etc.), and incorporate new mechanisms e.g. a revitalized policy brief series, regularized in-house seminars, to ensure that research findings are communicated in a format that is relevant to the audience.

(d) Support to build the capacity of the next generation of Pacific researchers

SSGM has a well-established program to support and mentor younger researchers. Components of

this program include the annual SSGM Pacific Research Colloquium; the Pacific Research Fellowship Program; the Pacific Visitors Program; and support for regional conferences, e.g. Pacific Islands Political Science Association conference. These activities are viewed as valuable academic, networking, capacity strengthening, and professional development opportunities for researchers throughout the region. AusAID's funding in this area will enable SSGM to maintain and/ or expand on current activities.

5. MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 AusAID's expectations of the Program

AusAID has the following specific expectations of the Program:

- (a) AusAID expects that its funding to the program will allow SSGM continue to produce applied policy-relevant research and advance analysis on social change, governance, development, politics and state-society relations in Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific.
- (b) AusAID expects that SSGM will use sound political judgment and apply a 'no surprises' policy when disseminating research findings that may carry reputational risk to AusAID, and when working with the Australian Government on sensitive policy issues.
- (c) AusAID expects SSGM to strategically engage with AusAID to communicate research findings and to creatively present new and challenging ideas about current and emerging issues of particular relevance to the aid program and Australian Government policies.
- (d) AusAID expects that the funds it provides under the partnership will enable SSGM to successfully implement its work program in areas of agreed mutual interest between the two organisations.
- (e) AusAID expects the ANU to maintain its current level of resourcing for the SSGM program. AusAID funding should not substitute for resources currently provided by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.
- (f) AusAID expects that SSGM will take a prudent approach to expenditure that achieves value for money.
- (g) AusAID would expect some acknowledgment of specific research and other activities that it supports. It would be sufficient to state 'this Activity was funded in part by AusAID'. Where appropriate, in consultation with AusAID, the acknowledgement should indicate that the research findings do not necessarily represent the views of the funders.

5.2 SSGM's Expectations of AusAID

SSGM has the following specific expectations of AusAID:

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- (a) SSGM expects to be able to interact with AusAID at the strategic and day to day level. This communication will be central to the success of the partnership.
- (b) AusAID will provide SSGM with an ongoing elaboration of the key and emerging research, policy and programming agendas within AusAID. This might include an overview by the Principal Director of the Pacific Operations Group, recurrent briefings with relevant Principal Sector Specialists, or presentations by research and other thematic groups.
- (c) SSGM expects AusAID to coordinate all requests from the Agency for research and advice through the AusAID Program Manager, to allow SSGM to respond to requests in a strategic and systematic manner.
- (d) SSGM expects that AusAID will proactively engage with SSGM, keeping Program staff informed of key personnel changes within the Pacific branch and in thematic areas of direct interest and relevance to SSGM.
- (e) SSGM expects that AusAID will provide SSGM with opportunities to engage more directly with the policy community. This might include opportunities for further engagement with thematic groups within AusAID, and invitations to attend presentations and in-house seminars and workshops by visiting researchers and policy makers from other agencies, including the World Bank and DFID.

6. GOVERNANCE

Arrangements around governance, joint setting of research priorities, and program monitoring and evaluation should be clarified and strengthened under the Agreement.

- (a) An annual high level meeting between senior AusAID staff (at Assistant Director General, First Assistant Director General, Deputy Director General, and Principal Sector Specialist levels) and senior SSGM staff (at Convenor, Head of School and Dean of College levels) will be the major oversight mechanism for program strategy and activity.
- (b) To ensure continual governance of SSGM's research and activity, SSGM will establish key oversight bodies, namely a Research Advisory Board including AusAID's Principal Sector Specialists, SSGM Research Cluster Heads, and other key stakeholders, and an Executive Committee comprising SSGM program management, AusAID senior level and day to day management, and relevant ex-officio staff.
- (c) SSGM will build on its current draft monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure that it delivers relevant outcomes, and that it continues to evolve and adapt as a program. It is necessary for AusAID (and other relevant partners including Justice for the Poor Program, Pacific Development Program, and the Developmental Leadership Program) to have strategic input on SSGM's M&E framework, to ensure that it is relevant and useful for both partners.

7. OPERATING APPROACH

- (a) The key oversight mechanism for the Program will be an annual high level meeting between senior AusAID and SSGM staff, referred to above. The meeting will provide SSGM and AusAID with the

opportunity to:

- Discuss the annual work plan;
 - Discuss the nature of the relationship;
 - Discuss the ongoing relevance of SSGM's research and broader work;
 - Set future research priorities;
 - Exchange ideas on current and emerging issues in the Pacific and;
 - Allow AusAID senior staff to give an overview of AusAID's current program and priorities for the Pacific.
- (b) Regular and routine maintenance will be through work level meetings between the SSGM convenor and program management staff and through the timely provision of reports.
- (c) Activity pipeline: In line with the principle that SSGM will work and interact with AusAID at a more strategic level than it has done previously, the AusAID Program Manager will produce and maintain an activity pipeline which manages and disseminates requests for commissioned research in a strategic and systematic manner. This mechanism will take factors such as strategic priority and SSGM's work load into account.
- (d) Provision of AusAID's comments on the SSGM's annual work plan will be a key vehicle through which AusAID provides input to the programming priorities of the SSGM program.
- (e) Should issues arise that could affect the success of the partnership, these will be addressed in the regular work meetings between SSGM and the AusAID program manager or at the annual high level meeting between AusAID and SSGM.

8. SPECIFIED PERSONNEL

8.1 The below specified personnel (at Sub-section 8.4) will deliver services as per the Agreement and for the term of the Agreement (as at Sub-section 2.2).

8.2 SSGM will ensure that specified personnel:

- (a) Are of good fame and character;
- (b) Are properly qualified for the tasks they are to perform;
- (c) Can act in a fit and proper manner while they are carrying out work or performing duties under the Agreement.

8.3 SSGM will use its best endeavours to secure the availability of Specified Personnel for the term of the Agreement.

8.4 Specified Personnel:

- (a) Dr Nicole Haley – Convenor and Senior Research Fellow

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Dr Nicole Haley is the convenor of the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Program and head of the Politics, Elections, Leadership and Governance research cluster. She is an esteemed scholar who has, for the past 20 years, conducted deep long-term empirical and applied policy-relevant research (totaling more than 66 months/5½ years fieldwork) in the Pacific, most notably in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and has published extensively on aspects of political and social conflict. Her PhD entitled *Ipakana Yakaiya: Mapping Landscapes, Mapping Lives – Contemporary Land Politics among the Duna*, was an innovative and landmark study, which was awarded the 2003 ANU Crawford Prize which is the ANU's premier prize for Academic Excellence.

Dr Haley is co-editor (with Ron May) of a book entitled *Conflict and Resource Development in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea* (2007) and of the recently published collection entitled *Election 2007: The Shift to Limited Preferential Voting in Papua New Guinea* (2011). In 2007 she coordinated the first ever domestic observation of the Papua New Guinea General Elections and in 2012 the most comprehensive observation of PNG's General Elections. She was co-author (with Ray Anere) of the *2007 Papua New Guinea National General Elections Domestic Observation Report* (2009) and (with Kerry Zubrinich) of the *2012 Papua New Guinea National General Elections Domestic Observation Report*. She is currently writing about electoral politics, women's leadership and political participation, and local political cultures in PNG and Melanesia more broadly and is putting together a book on PNG Elections.

Dr Haley's extensive research has also seen her engaged in various advisory and consultative capacities. She has worked extensively with AusAID, the World Bank's Justice for the Poor (J4P) program in PNG and the Solomon Islands, and with UNDP and gives expert advice, including direct policy advice to government, donors and other regional stakeholders on a regular basis. She recently participated in the inaugural Australia-Papua New Guinea Roundtable and in conjunction with DFAT developed the Outcomes Statement from that event.

Dr Haley is highly regarded for her policy advice and for her high quality research and analysis. For example, the strategic research she undertook for AusAID's Demand for Better Governance Program in 2007 and the resultant SSGM Discussion Paper (2008) helped frame the Governance and State Building research priority theme for the 2008 Australian Development Research Awards and was recommended reading for applicants seeking funding in the 2008 ADRA funding round. Her work is also shaping policy and programming. Recent examples of such work include the research and analytical work arising from the highly successful 2012 Papua New Guinea general elections domestic observation activity, which was led and supported by SSGM scholars, and the draft concept note for the Women's Leadership pillar of the \$320 million Pacific Gender Initiative, which was authored by Dr Haley and Dr Kerry Zubrinich.

Dr Haley has been integral to the success of the SSGM program over the past five years. Under her stewardship the program has been transformed from a very small specialised unit consisting of a Convenor on secondment from DFAT and three full-time academics to a leading international centre for multidisciplinary research on contemporary Melanesia, Timor Leste and the wider Pacific. Since her appointment as Program Convenor in late 2008 the program has witnessed sustained growth & expansion and has evolved into a fully-fledged academic unit, engaged in the full range of academic endeavour: research, teaching (undergraduate, post-graduate and HDR training), outreach and policy engagement. SSGM now consists of 10 academics, 14 adjuncts/visiting fellows/emeritus faculty, 18 PhD students and 3 professional staff, and is expected to double in size over the next 12 months. Dr Haley

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developed the concept note which provided the basis for new funding agreement with AusAID, to take effect from 1 July, 2013. She is a strategic thinker who possesses the ability to link research and policy in order to achieve strong policy outcomes. She remains key to the success of the program moving forward.

(b) Dr Richard Eves – Senior Research Fellow

Dr Richard Eves is a Senior Research Fellow and head of the Gender and Social Development research cluster in SSGM. An internationally recognized and award winning scholar, Dr Eves is an applied anthropologist who has published widely on issues of gender and social change in Papua New Guinea.

Dr Eves has been an integral part of SSGM's research and outreach efforts over the past 5 years. Since 2011, he has convened the SSGM seminar series and has been academic editor for the SSGM Discussion Paper Series and SSGM Policy Brief Series. Up until December 2012, Dr Eves was also SSGM's Higher Degree Research Coordinator, and through his efforts, SSGM's PhD student numbers have grown from one student in 2008 to sixteen in 2013.

Dr Eves is a major contributor to SSGM's policy outreach work with AusAID, DFAT and ONA, and through his links with development civil society organisations in Papua New Guinea and Australia, he acts as both research collaborator and mentor to numerous CSO based researchers.

Dr Eves' research intersects the boundaries of anthropology, development, and international health, bringing his anthropological training to bear on contemporary issues in Melanesia. This body of work focuses on the AIDS epidemic, gender, masculinity, violence, and contemporary religious beliefs in Papua New Guinea. In his research endeavours, Dr Eves aims to produce outcomes that are academically sound as well as tangible and relevant to development policy and practice in the Pacific and globally.

While Dr Eves has been internationally recognized for his work on AIDS for many years, he has more recently been established by his peers as the foremost expert on gender and violence in Melanesia. This recent recognition stems from his major contribution to a highly acclaimed research project that he conducted with Caritas Australia in 2006, and based on this success, he was awarded a four-year \$201,000 ARC Discovery Grant for the project: *Masculinity, Men and Development: A Critical Analysis of Violence, Conflict and AIDS Prevention Measures in Melanesia*.

Dr Eves' published research is recognized in its field, and he is the author or co-author of 3 books, the primary author on 7 book chapters, 23 refereed journal articles and 9 other works, including consultancy reports, discussion papers & policy briefs. His first book, *The Magical Body: Power, Fame and Meaning in a Melanesian Society* (1998), is a detailed study of social and cultural change in a rural community in New Ireland, his long-term fieldwork site. In 2008, Dr Eves co-edited the groundbreaking work, *Making Sense of AIDS: Culture, Sexuality, and Power in Melanesia* (2008), a collection of anthropological papers on how the AIDS epidemic is understood and responded to in Melanesia.

Dr Eves has extensive consultancy experience on issues of health, AIDS and gender-based violence in PNG. He has previously worked as a senior level research advisor on two AusAID funded projects and as a senior consultant on numerous research projects conducted by Caritas Australia and the UNDP. In 2011, he was involved in designing the qualitative research component of the UNDP and Partners for Prevention multi country study entitled *Gender-based violence and masculinities project – Building evidence-based responses for prevention in the Asia-Pacific region*.

Dr Eves' has considerable knowledge and understanding of Papua New Guinean societies and cultures as a result of his long term research in numerous provinces throughout the country, including Western Highlands, Chimbu, Western, Eastern Highlands, Morobe, Milne Bay and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

(c) Dr Graeme Smith – Research Fellow

Dr Graeme Smith is an acknowledged authority on Chinese aid, strategy, and resource investment in the Pacific. He combines his expertise as a Sinologist, with a background in researching contemporary China, with an active interest in development in the Pacific countries. His research on China and the Pacific intersect in his current focus on the expansion of Chinese investment in the Pacific and the impacts this has in the countries concerned. Dr Smith's research in China has explored the demand for organic produce in Chinese urban centres, the political economy of agricultural service delivery, the role of rural cadre's in China's development, and the persistence of informal land markets in rural China. His work on China in the Pacific includes examining the Chinese diaspora in the region, including with local Chinese business owners and officials engaged by Chinese resource extraction companies.

Dr Smith has published widely on the impact of Chinese investment in the Pacific, and on land and equality issues in China, and he has authored numerous book chapters and articles. His journal articles appear in the China Journal, China Quarterly, Pacific Affairs, Asian Studies Review and the Journal of Peasant Studies. Dr Smith was awarded the Gordon White Prize in 2011 for the best article published in China Quarterly, the leading journal in China Studies.

His recent ADRA project examined the challenges faced by the Chinese nickel/cobalt mine at Ramu in Papua New Guinea's Madang province. This AusAID-funded study was one of the first to combine expertise on comparative perspectives on Chinese global aid and development and Pacific Island regional development issues, with in-depth knowledge of Papua New Guinea development and governance perspectives with knowledge of Chinese development and governance issues.

Dr Smith has an established track record in contributing to the policy debate on China in the Pacific. He is a frequent contributor to the Lowy Interpreter, and is a regular speaker at the Lowy Institute's conferences and public seminars. He also contributes to news items and broadcasts in the Australian and international media. In his capacity as SSGM Visiting Fellow he provides regular advisory briefings to staff at AusAID, DFAT and ONA on his research and his expertise on the role of China in the Pacific.

(d) Dr Mike Bourke – Senior Research Fellow

Dr Mike Bourke is an agricultural scientist and geographer, and is a specialist on Papua New Guinea (PNG) rural agriculture. He is arguably the foremost expert on agricultural systems in PNG, and has conducted long term research in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He is also an acknowledged expert on poverty in PNG, and he had a major contribution to the seminal work *PNG Rural Development Handbook* (Hanson, Bourke et al.) which is established as the most comprehensive work on agriculture systems in PNG. Dr Bourke's current research interests in poverty look at cash incomes in rural PNG and the capacity for rural families to educate their children, as well as the impact that different forms of development (resource extraction, agricultural etc.) have on child mortality rates in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Dr Bourke has been continuously involved in research, training, consulting and development work in PNG since 1970, and he has written over 200 papers and 9 books focusing on agriculture, livelihoods and poverty in PNG and the wider Pacific. His most recent book is *Food and Agriculture in PNG*, which has been widely disseminated throughout PNG – to high schools, universities, research institutes, and non-government organisations.

Since mid-2009, Dr Bourke has been working as a consultant on the PNG LNG project where he is the lead for the 'Livelihood Restoration' program. This program assists resettled households and other villagers in the Hides, Komo, Moro and Plant Site areas with subsistence food production, cash cropping, food processing and, increasingly, with health, hygiene and human nutrition education. The program is arguably the most successful of its kind in PNG today, and has received recognition from government, civil society, and the resource extraction industry as a successful and model program.

Dr Bourke has an established track record as an advisor to senior staff in AusAID on issues of poverty, agriculture and livelihoods in PNG and the wider Pacific. His published research has influenced a generation of agriculturalists looking at PNG, Melanesia and the broader Pacific, and he continues to influence the debate on optimal levels of Australian aid to PNG and Pacific agriculture.

9. BUDGET AND RESOURCES

- 9.1 Under this Funding Agreement, AusAID may provide funding of up to \$21.8 million over four financial years (2013/14 to 2016/17) provided in the form of an acquittable grant to the SSGM program.
- 9.2 Funding will be paid in annual tranches for the implementation of an agreed annual work program and meeting the requirements specified by AusAID in the Funding Agreement Deed Clause 67580.
- 9.3 Administrative overheads above and beyond the administrative fees associated with Program activities are not to be charged by ANU in relation to this grant.
- 9.4 The ANU College of Asia and the Pacific or the ANU shall not diminish its funding contribution to SSGM, but shall look to increase its contribution through the life of the Funding Agreement, and as a minimum

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will make the following contributions:

- (a) A minimum of three SSGM Fellows to undertake Program Activities under this Funding Agreement at no cost to AusAID for salaries and on-costs
- (b) One Program Administrator and salary and on-costs;
- (c) One Academic Services Officer and salary and on-costs;
- (d) Allocation of offices, furniture & fittings, IT services, fieldwork and conference funding for their own personal research activities;
- (e) Adequate administrative support, including appropriate allocation of rooms, preparation of reports and financial statements and maintenance of the SSGM website.

**SCHEDULE 2 –
STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE PRINCIPLES**

A Basic Standard for Engagement with Not-For-Profit Organisations

The Statement of International Development Practice Principles (Attached) has been developed in consultation with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). It is **founded on the good development practice and experience of accredited Australian Non-Government Organisations** (NGOs) and other international development agencies over the last three decades.

The Statement takes account of the Accra Action Agenda on Aid Effectiveness, and in particular, encourages a participatory approach to development. 'Not for profit' organisations are strongly encouraged to work in partnership with others thereby reducing the burden on communities and governments with whom they work. The Statement seeks to articulate the minimum standards and commitment that AusAID expects from all 'not- for- profit' organisations that it funds. It will form an annex to grant agreements with not-for-profit organisations that are not accredited with AusAID.

The Principles are **not aimed at accredited Australian NGOs** which have already undergone a rigorous accreditation process.

Statement of International Development Practice Principles

This Statement of International Development Practice Principles (The Principles) promotes the active commitment of **all non-accredited, not-for-profit organisations funded by AusAID** to the fundamentals of good development practice, and to conducting their activities with integrity, transparency and accountability.

The Principles are founded on a premise of ‘**do no harm**’ and drawn from good practice principles in the international development not-for-profit sector and international development community more broadly. In line with Aid Effectiveness principles, when planning interventions, not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to consider: what other agencies are doing in the chosen area of focus; where their organisation can add value; and how they can join with others to increase the impact and sustainability of their activities.

Where relevant, AusAID encourages eligible Australian organisations to work towards becoming Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct signatories.

International Development Principles

Lessons drawn from best practice NGO and civil society programs recognise the importance of working in partnerships, building creative and trusting relationships with people of developing countries and supporting basic program standards which:

- > give priority to the needs and interests of the people they serve and involve beneficiary groups to the maximum extent possible in the design, implementation and evaluation;
- > promote an approach that includes all people in a community and ensures the most vulnerable, including people with disability, women and children, are able to access, and benefit equally, from, international development assistance;
- > encourage self help and self-reliance among beneficiaries;
- > avoid creating dependency through the facilitation of active participation and contributions (as appropriate) by the most vulnerable;
- > respect and foster all universally agreed international human rights, including social, economic, cultural, civil and political rights;
- > are culturally appropriate and accessible;
- > seek to enhance gender equality;
- > recognise and put in place processes to mitigate against the vulnerability of not for profit organisations to potential exploitation by organised crime and terrorist organisations;
- > have appropriate mechanisms in place to actively prevent, and protect children from harm and abuse;
- > integrate environmental considerations and mitigate against adverse environmental impacts; and
- > promote collaborative approaches to development challenges including through working in partnerships and avoiding duplication of effort.

All non-accredited, not for profit organisations receiving grant funding from AusAID commit to apply these principles of good development practice, and adhere to the organisational integrity and accountability standards set out on the following page.

Organisational Integrity and Accountability for Development

AusAID grant funds and resources are designated for the purposes of international aid and development (including development awareness). They can not be used to promote a particular religious adherence, missionary activity or evangelism, or to support partisan political objectives, or an individual candidate or organisation affiliated to a particular political movement. AusAID reserves the right to undertake an independent audit of an organisation's accounts, records and assets related to a funded activity, at all reasonable times.

In all of its activities and particularly in its communications to the public, AusAID expects not-for-profit organisations it works with to accord due respect to the dignity, values, history, religion, and culture of the people it supports and serves, consistent with principles of basic human rights.

Not-for-profit organisations working with AusAID should:

- > not be a willing party to wrongdoing, corruption, bribery, or other financial impropriety in any way in any of its activities;
- > take prompt and firm corrective action whenever and wherever wrongdoing is found among its Governing Body, paid staff, contractors, volunteers and partner organisations;
- > have internal control procedures which minimise the risk of misuse of grant funds and processes and systems that ensure grant funds are used effectively to maximise development results;
- > establish reporting mechanisms that facilitate accountability to members, donors and the public;
- > have adequate procedures for the review and monitoring of income and expenditure and for assessing and reporting on the effectiveness of their aid;
- > have a policy to enable staff confidentially to bring to the attention of the Governing Body evidence of misconduct on the part of anyone associated with the Organisation, including misconduct related to the harm and abuse of children;
- > be aware of terrorism-related issues and use their best endeavours to ensure that grant funds do not provide direct or indirect support or resources to organisations and individuals associated with terrorism and/or organised crime; and
- > ensure that individuals or organisations involved in implementing activities on behalf of the Organisation are in no way linked, directly or indirectly, to organisations and individuals associated with terrorism and/or organised crime.

AusAID Grant Agreement Requirements

Each AusAID grant agreement also comes with obligations for both AusAID and the Organisation being funded. These are spelt out in detail in the grant agreement. The Principles will not affect or diminish the obligations or liabilities of the Organisation under the grant agreement as outlined in the grant agreement conditions.

Broadly speaking, any Organisation funded by the Australian Government, through AusAID, is required to comply with relevant and applicable laws, regulations and policies, including those in Australia and in the country/ countries in which they are operating. In particular, the Organisation needs to observe the contractual requirements regarding Child Protection and Counter Terrorism.

Additional Information and Related Links

Further information on AusAID's Child Protection Policy, Counter Terrorism and other applicable laws and policies can be found on AusAID's website at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/1429_8356_2982_8415_9415.aspx

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/7954_7703_6074_4255_4227.aspx

Further information on terrorist organisations listed under Division 102 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) and the DFAT Consolidated List of persons and entities subject to UN sanctions regimes maintained in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 (Cth) can be found at:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/icat/UNSC_financial_sanctions.html#3

<http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/agd/www/nationalsecurity.nsf/AllDocs/95FB057CA3DECF30CA256FAB001F7FBD?OpenDocument>

Further information on AusAID Accreditation and the ACFID Code of Conduct can also be found at:

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/pages/accreditation.aspx>

<http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct>

Further information on Aid Effectiveness can be found at:

http://www.oecd.org/department/0,3355,en_2649_3236398_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

http://www.oecd.org/document/18/0,3343,en_2649_3236398_35401554_1_1_1_1,00.html

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Question No 98

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Bougainville

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

A. What technical support or funding has the Australian government provided each year to the Office of Panguna Negotiations on Bougainville, since it opened?

B. The UN Conference on Sustainable Development has called for a people-centred approach to sustainable development which addresses the millennium goals to eradicate poverty, support sustainable use of natural resources for future generations and support people enjoying their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The Mining Working Group at the UN has developed 'A rights-based approach to resource extraction in the pursuit of sustainable development.' Is the department aware of this approach and this research, which considers supporting human rights of Indigenous communities as a key to long-term, sustainable development, safety and security? How is it integrating this into the consideration of aid projects and other DFAT-supported initiatives in particular in PNG / Bougainville, and the methodology for developing potential initiatives going forward?

C. The Australian government has funded a range of forums and advisory staff directly involved in facilitating the reopening of Bougainville's Panguna mine. Given the aforementioned warnings about the risks this involves, can you explain what authorities and sources of information you employ to determine whether the mine's reopening is welcomed by the traditional landowners? Could you also explain what are the particular policy principles informing Australia's support for the mine's reopening?

D. In response to a previous question on notice, dated 26/2/2015 DFAT notes 'DFAT officials meet regularly with landowners in Bougainville, including in the Panguna mine area, to listen to their views and to inform Australia's ongoing development activities'. What villages in the Panguna region

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Australia government officials have visited in the last year? And can you also advise what is meant by 'regularly'?

E. In light of past policy failures with respect towards Bougainville, what empirical evidence do you draw upon when constructing and reviewing Australia's strategy on Bougainville? How is this evidence collected?

F. What areas of Bougainville's economy does DFAT believe need to be prioritised when delivering aid? Can you also set out why you think these areas are important?

G. Recently, it was announced that the Australian government will erect a diplomatic mission in Bougainville (Buka).

(i) Why was it deemed necessary to upgrade the existing post on Bougainville to a diplomatic mission?

(ii) Can you outline how many DFAT and High Commission staff are currently stationed at Bougainville-Buka?

(iii) Can you outline how many Department of Defence and Australian Defence Force staff are currently stationed at Bougainville-Buka?

(iv) What are the positions of these staff and what is their role on Bougainville-Buka?

(v) Will the number of Australian government staff stationed on Bougainville increase as a result of the mission?

(vi) If so, what new positions will be funded within the Bougainville mission?

(vii) What influence did the proposed reopening of the Panguna Mine have on opening this diplomatic mission?

H. Given the controversy surrounding the diplomatic mission upgrade, can you explain what steps were taken to advise Prime Minister O'Neill of the proposed upgrade? Can you also outline when these steps were taken?

Answer

A. Please note the response provided to questions on notice number 82 (part 4) and number 96 of Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2014, and question on notice number 60 of Additional Estimates, February 2015. The Department is not currently providing any support to the Office of Panguna Negotiations.

B. No.

C. Australia has provided advisory and technical capacity building at the request of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG). The development of legislation, community consultation, and future decisions on mining are all matters for the ABG to determine in consultation with stakeholders including the PNG Government, the private sector and the people of Bougainville.

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D. To collate a list of all visits would entail a significant amount of resources. The Department does not consider this diversion of resources from priority areas to be justified.

E. The Department's policy on the bilateral relationship with Papua New Guinea is determined by the Australian Government, and developed drawing on a broad range of expertise and experience.

F. Please refer to the Department's submission to the Australian Senate Standing Reference Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, available at: http://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

G.

- (i) As stated in the Portfolio Budget Statement, a strengthened presence in Bougainville would "provide greater focus for Australia's development assistance to Bougainville".
- (ii) DFAT currently has a small office in Buka staffed by one A-Based EL1 officer, supported by four locally engaged staff.
- (iii) There are no Department of Defence or ADF staff in the Buka office.
- (iv) Staff at the Buka office consist of a First Secretary, Bougainville; Program Manager; Program Manager; Assistant Program Manager; and Driver to support Australia's development assistance to Bougainville.
- (v) The nature of Australia's presence in Bougainville will be considered in consultation with the PNG Government.
- (vi) See previous response.
- (vii) None.

H. Please refer to Hansard, Budget Estimates, 3 June 2015, pp.88-90.

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Question No 99

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG - Bougainville – Panguna Mine

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to answers provided during the recent senate estimates hearing on 4 June 2015:

Mr Daniel Sloper also claimed "we [DFAT] do not provide any funding to support the opening of the Panguna mine". This contradicts previous answers on notice provided by DFAT in December 2014 which stated "Australia co-funds with New Zealand the Governance Implementation Fund (GIF). The GIF expended \$436,264.65 up to 31 October 2014 to implement the Mining Community Negotiations and Consultations Project".

DFAT also acknowledge the provision of advisory staff to the ABG, whose mandate includes facilitating Panguna's reopening. DFAT notes that it has helped fund at an annual cost of \$362,117, "a Mining Negotiations Adviser, Professor Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh, to support the ABG to consult and negotiate with relevant communities and stakeholders on the reopening of the Panguna Mine". DFAT also acknowledges funding an "ABG Strategic and Legal Advisor, Mr Anthony Regan, to advise the Bougainville Executive Council, and Chief Administrator and the Autonomous Bougainville Government on a broad range of legal, constitutional and policy issues". Critically this "included advice on mining policy and negotiations on re-opening the Panguna copper mine and assistance with the development of the proposed Bougainville Mining Act and interim mining legislation. Total funding for this position, including work unrelated to mining, since 2010 was \$968,120".

At a 2013 seminar Raymond Masuno, Director, Bougainville Government's Office of Panguna Negotiation, also acknowledged AusAID support for the office.

(a) In light of the conflicting messages given by DFAT, please provide with a full account of all monies spent on activities related to the reopening of the Panguna mine including: a list of Australian advisory staff whose role has

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included support for the mine reopening; events including meetings, information sessions etc related to the mine reopening; and Australian funding given to organisations and government departments directly responsible for organising Panguna's reopening?

(b) Given support has been clearly given to the reopening of Panguna, prior to the advancement of funds for this purpose, please provide: advice and research, cost/benefit analyses, and risk assessments that show: Australia's funding towards the mine reopening is in the Australian national interest, and the mine's reopening is in interests of the Bougainville's people including landowning communities.

(c) Please provide Australia, and DFAT's policy position on the above issues.

(d) Please explain why Australian funding is supporting a risky economic project that has the potential to destabilise the region once again?

Answer

Mr Sloper's response is not contradictory – please refer to the full transcript of Budget Estimates, 4 June 2015 (page 40).

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Question No 100

Program: DFAT

Topic: PNG & Bougainville

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

A. In early 2015 DFAT published A New Direction for Australian Aid in PNG: Refocusing Australian Aid to Help Unlock PNG's Economic Potential. In the strategy document it is stated: 'The Abbott Government has set a new direction for Australian aid which is directly aligned with PNG's own economic growth agenda – to focus more heavily on private sector-led growth, including through support for initiatives to reduce the constraints to business and to help PNG foster trade and investment'. The assessment notes a need to improve the 'enabling environment for business'. Can you explain in greater detail, the 'constraints to business' that will be targeted? And how will an enabling environment for business be developed?

B. The assessment outlines the following goal: 'Increase effective partnerships with the private sector. This should include increased engagement with business to guide improvements in the legal, regulatory and policy environment and to support more effective service delivery in PNG'. Can you detail how you plan to engage business in the improvement of the legal, regulatory and policy environment?

C. Do you have similar plans to engage communities and civil society in the improvement of the legal, regulatory and policy environment? If so, can you explain how you plan to engage communities and civil society?

D. The assessment issues the following objective: 'Increase aid investments in Bougainville as a greater proportion of the bilateral PNG program'. Can you explain what initiatives in particular will be funded through this increase?

E. It is noted in the assessment document that Australia may 'upgrade existing arrangements for consultations with business on the aid program, including by expanding the dialogue to encompass the broader economic policy settings in PNG'. Can you detail the mechanisms DFAT may use to consult with business in this respect? What areas will DFAT be seeking

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business input on? Are there similar plans to upgrade existing arrangements for consultations with civil society on the aid program?

F. According to DFAT, 'The assessment's recommendations are based on extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders from PNG and Australia including Government, business, civil society and international donors'. The vast majority of the non-government stakeholders consulted during this assessment appear to be from the extractive industry, agribusiness or select international NGOs and International Financial Institutions. Why is there a notable lack of consultation with the wide range of Papua New Guinea NGOs working on development related issues (such as CELCOR, Act Now, Eco Forestry Forum, Partners with Melanesia, Bismarck Ramu Group, Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency, etc)?

Answer

A. Please refer to DFAT's submission to the Australian Senate Standing References Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's Bilateral Aid program in PNG for information regarding the constraints to business that will be targeted and how DFAT will support an enabling environment for business.

Pages 25, 26, 32-35:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

B. Please refer to DFAT's submission to the Australian Senate Standing References Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's Bilateral Aid program in PNG for details on DFAT's engagement with business in the improvement of the legal, regulatory and policy environment. Pages 52-53:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

C. DFAT regularly engages with communities and civil society in PNG on a broad range of issues, including on issues relating to the improvement of the legal, regulatory and policy environment. Through our civil society programs, we provide support to and regularly engage with a large number of NGOs and civil society organisations, as well as the seven mainline churches. Our partners include the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC), established by the PNG government to act as the key representative body for civil society in PNG, and Transparency International PNG.

The Australian Government's new civil society program will commence implementation in late 2015-early 2016. The new program will provide opportunities for greater engagement with civil society through new governance arrangements, which will include increased representation from civil society and

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the churches. The new program will also provide opportunities for the Australian Government to expand the number of civil society organisations and NGOs we are supporting, and to expand our partnership with the seven mainline churches of PNG.

Please also refer to DFAT's submission to the Australian Senate Standing References Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's Bilateral Aid program in PNG. Pages 50, 52 and 53:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

D. Please refer to DFAT's submission to the Australian Senate Standing References Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia's Bilateral Aid program in PNG on DFAT's increased support to Bougainville. Pages 37-38:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Aid_in_PNG/Submissions

E. Refer to Answers B and C.

F. During the consultations for the assessment, a wide range of stakeholders were consulted, including many local PNG NGOs. The majority were not from the extractive industry. While not possible to consult with every NGO working on development related issues in PNG, consultations were held with a large cross section of NGOs operating in PNG to ensure a broad range of views were considered.

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Question No 101

Program: DFAT

Topic: Philippines - 34T

Question on Notice

Senator Rhiannon

Question

In the Philippines in 2014 two Philippine citizens, Vic and Dorma Ridon, received life sentences from their role in making graphic videos of horrific animal killing (crush videos made for sexual fetishism). It was reported that the court was told by the accused an Australian man paid for and directed the content of the videos in which girls and young women who were forced to kill animals.

(a) Has the Australian Embassy in the Philippines been informed of this case?

(b) If yes, is the Department aware if the alleged Australian perpetrator behind this case is being investigated? And if yes: where is this up to; and are alleged Australian purchasers of the video also being investigated?

(c) If no, would Australia investigate any Australian involvement if requested, where an Australian national is directing animal abuse and what amounts to sexual abuse in another country?

(d) What is the process by which such an investigation would occur?

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not undertake investigations into criminal matters, in Australia or internationally.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is aware of the matter, and since December 2014, has been liaising with Philippines law enforcement authorities to identify if an Australian citizen was involved.

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Question No 102

Program: DFAT

Topic: Indonesia - West Papua

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

(a) Please provide an update on DFAT activities in West Papua?

(b) What aid projects are currently being funded in West Papua? What is the purpose of these projects? Who is responsible for each project – the Indonesia government, a West Papuan based organisation, a West Papuan local government, a multilateral body, and NGO or some other body?

(c) Have any aid projects in West Papua had their budget cut in the last financial year? If so what projects have had their funding cut and what will be the result of these cuts?

(d) Will any aid projects in West Papua have their budget cut in the current financial year? If so what projects will have their funding cut and what will be the result of these cuts?

(e) What assistance has DFAT provided to Australians to visit West Papua? Please supply names and positions of those who visited, dates of visit, destination of visit, purpose of visit, assistance provided for the last two financial years?

(f) Has the Australian government provided any specific funding to strengthen democracy and democratic institutions in West Papua? If so how much for the last two financial years and what projects has this money funded?

(g) Have talks been held with the Indonesian government about the role of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)?

(h) Have talks been held with any West Papuans about the role of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)?

(i) Does the Australian government support non-country groups joining the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)?

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Answer

A. DFAT officers in the political section of our Embassy in Jakarta closely monitor developments in the Papua provinces through regular visits. They have good access to a large network of contacts spanning government officials, activists, students, police, lawyers and non-governmental organisations. DFAT officers in the development sections of our Embassy regularly visit the Papua provinces to monitor development programs there.

In 2013-14, Australian aid to Papua and West Papua was approximately \$17.5 million. Final totals will not be known until later this year, but we expect to have provided a similar level of funding in the two Papuan provinces for the 14-15 financial year. Australian assistance has focused on endemic problems such as HIV, access to health services and improving basic infrastructure. Australia delivers some programs specifically to Papua and West Papua, and those provinces also benefit from other regional and nation-wide aid programs.

B. Please see Annex A for full list of aid projects in the Papuan Provinces.

C. No.

D. No.

E. As a general rule, DFAT does not provide assistance to Australians seeking to visit the Papua provinces, or any other province of Indonesia. However, in April 2015, DFAT provided a letter to support the visa application of four academics from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), who were planning to travel to Papua Province to implement an activity under our Government Partnerships for Development (GPDF) grant program. This is a standard letter we provide for all GPDF projects if the project proponent asks us to. No other assistance is provided.

The USC academics, Dr Peter Curtis, Ms Ann Robertson, Mr Jeff Hay and Ms Maya Bahri, planned to travel to Papua to implement an activity titled "Increasing Education Capacity: A Partnership with the Department of Education and Culture, Papuan Provincial Government, to Develop the Competence of Teachers and Teacher Education Systems Towards Global Standards (Papua, Indonesia)", visiting Jayapura and Timika. Their travel dates were 26 June 2015 to 10 July 2015.

F. No.

G. No.

H. No.

I. Australia is not a member of the MSG and has no formal view on its membership.

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Annex A

Australian aid program activities in the Papuan Provinces FY13/14

Sector	Activity	(A) Description <i>Services provided</i>	(B) Service delivery	(C) Cost <i>Project duration</i>	(C) Cost <i>FY13/14</i>	(D) Beneficiaries
HIV	HIV Cooperation Program for Indonesia (HCPI)	Strengthens Indonesia's capacity to manage an HIV response and supports the development of effective advocacy and behaviour change strategies. Also supports people living with HIV.	Works with the Ministry of Health; National AIDS Commission; Ministry of Law and Justice, and Provincial AIDS Commissions. Implemented by faith based organisations, churches, media and non-government organisations.	\$9,600,392 (2008-2016)	\$2,979,730	Men and women in 22 districts across Papua and West Papua. Since 2008 450,000 people have been reached with face-to-face behaviour change and sexual health interventions.
HIV	Rapidly Expanding Access to Care for HIV (REACH) in Papua and West Papua	Improves the quality of HIV-related care and treatment in Papua and West Papua, and increases the number of people receiving this care.	Delivered by Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)	\$18,500,000 (2012-2016)	\$7,676,687	HIV caregivers and patients in 24 districts across Papua and West Papua.

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Education	Analytical and Capacity Development Partnership (ACDP)	The ACDP is a nation-wide program to support the Government of Indonesia to improve education policy making through research and analysis. The ACDP has been working with the Papua and West Papua Provincial Education Departments and supported the development of a strategic plan for rural and remote education.	Research facility funded through ADB and based in the Ministry of Education and Culture.	US\$1.1 million (2012-2015)	US\$100,000	Teachers and students in rural and remote areas of Papua and West Papua.
Education	Australia Awards Scholarships and Australia Awards Fellowships	Provides post graduate education opportunities.	Implemented in partnership with Bureau for Foreign Technical Cooperation, State Secretariat (ADS and ALA), Bappenas (APS)	N/A	\$2,033,273	Post graduate students from Papua and West Papua.
Poverty reduction	National Program of Community Empowerment (PNPM) RESPEK	Provides technical support to farmers to improve quality of their agricultural products. Supports grants for communities to identify their development needs in food and nutrition; basic education; health care; livelihoods; and village infrastructure.	World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in partnership with the Ministry of Home affairs and provincial governments.	\$13,700,00 (2007-2016)	\$0	Farmers and agricultural communities, as well as local government institutions responsible for implementation.
Poverty reduction	Barefoot Engineers Training	Trains high school graduates to become technical facilitators under PNPM-RESPEK. These facilitators support communities to develop designs for village infrastructure and assure the quality of infrastructure implemented under PNPM-RESPEK.	Delivered by Cendrawasih University and Bakti Foundation	\$5,700,000 (2008-2014)	\$0	More than 400 'barefoot engineers' will be created from all districts. Beneficiaries of the PNPM poverty reduction programs.

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Water and sanitation	Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low income Communities (PAMSIMAS)	Increases the number of low-income rural and peri-urban populations accessing improved water and sanitation facilities and practicing better hygiene.	Delivered by the World Bank and Ministry of Public Works	\$224,330 (2008-2014)	\$78,050	Across 27 villages in West Papua, 1135 people have been provided with access to safe water and 813 people increased access to basic sanitation. Australia has invested 15.5% of the total value of this project.
Water and sanitation	Water and Sanitation Hibah Phase 2	Increases investment by local government in water and/or sanitation utilities to raise the number of low-income households with access to piped water and sewerage.	Papua City Government using loans provided by Indonesian Infrastructure Ministry	\$400,000 (2013-2015)	\$107,400	Low-income households in Papua province without access to piped water/ sewerage.
Decentralisation	Australia Indonesia Partnership for Decentralisation	Builds the quality of public financial management at the provincial and district levels and helps civil society to monitor the use of public resources and also village government capacity. This encourages business development and economic growth and improves service delivery at the frontline.	Delivered by Cendrawasih University; BAKTI and local NGO PATTIRO	\$5,634,646 (2011-2015)	\$3,487,894	Local government partners in two Papuan provinces with a total of eight districts and village governments in selected districts.
Disaster risk reduction	Strengthened Coordination and Response Preparedness (Eastern Indonesia)	Improves the capacity of local Red Cross branches and local district governments through joint training, exercises and planning with the local district disaster management agencies.	Red Cross	\$344,048 (2011-2014)	\$144,110	This project has supported Red Cross chapters in West Papua.
Disaster risk reduction	Building and Deepening Resilience in Eastern Indonesia	Works with district governments to improve planning and budgeting for disaster management activities.	Oxfam	\$726,188 (2012-2014)	\$370,202	Local governments, civil society groups and local communities in the provincial capitals Jayapura and Manokwari, and six villages in

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						West Papua.
Disaster risk reduction	Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness	Trials approaches to community-based disaster risk reduction.	World Relief, with national and provincial agencies	\$58,596 (2011-2013)	\$0	Seven local partner organizations have been trained in disaster risk reduction in three districts in Papua
NGO cooperation	Maternal Newborn Child Health Nutrition (MNCHN)	Strengthens district health systems to support community health services, and improve maternal, infant and young child feeding practices.	World Vision Australia	(2012-2017)	\$41,788.00	Mothers, children and health service workers in communities in three districts in Papua.
NGO cooperation	Papua Pendidikan Damai - Papua Peace Education Project (PAPEDA)	Trains individuals critical to School Based Management (SBM) such as teachers, school principals, supervisors and committee members) on peace building (PB) and child protection (CP) to strengthen and improve the school environment and educate the broader community.	World Vision Australia	(2012-2015)	\$337,749.00	Teachers, school principals, supervisors and committee members in 12 target communities in Central Highland Papua.
NGO cooperation	Qualified Elementary School Project (QUEST)	Assists in the improvement of basic education management.	World Vision Australia	2012-2016	\$117,509.00	Primary school students in 12 target communities in Central Highland Papua.
Public Sector Linkages Program (PSLP)	Australia Indonesia Partnership for Local Government Planning and Budgeting	Strengthens the capacity of officials in the five AIPD districts in Eastern Indonesia to undertake local government planning and budgeting by understanding how Australian state and local government apply medium term expenditure frameworks.	University of Technology Sydney Centre for Local Government, in partnership with Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs, and provincial planning agencies and finance ministries.	\$120,000 over 2012-2015	\$40,000	Local government officials involved in planning and budgeting functions.

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Question No 103

Program: DFAT

Topic: Rohingya

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

(a) Please provide an update on DFAT activities associated with Rohingya communities inside and outside Burma?

(b) What aid projects are currently being provided for Rohingya communities in Burma? What is the purpose of these projects? What is the funding for each project? Has the funding been cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much? Will the funding be cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much?

(c) What aid projects are currently being provided for Rohingya communities on the Burmese border? What is the purpose of these projects? What is the funding for each project? Has the funding been cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much? Will the funding be cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much?

(d) What aid projects are currently being provided for Rohingya communities outside Burma? What is the purpose of these projects? What is the funding for each project? Has the funding been cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much? Will the funding be cut for any of these projects and if so which ones and by how much?

(e) Are you aware that the UN agency that helped Burma conduct its census found that the Burmese government did not permit the Rohingya Muslim population to be counted? Has the Foreign Minister or any DFAT staff taken up this issue with the Burmese government? What is the position of the Australian government on the failure of the Burmese government to include the Rohingya Muslim population in the census count? Have representations been made to the Burmese government to ensure the Rohingya Muslim population are included in future census counts? If so who made those representations and when were they made?

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Answer

Australia's assistance to Burma, including Rakhine State, is provided to all communities on the basis of need.

Funding to Rakhine State

We are one of the largest bilateral humanitarian donors to Rakhine State where we have provided over \$15.7 million since intercommunal violence flared in June 2012. We also provide longer-term development assistance to increase the economic opportunities for all communities in Rakhine State. Details on these projects are outlined below.

Partner	Funding	Sectoral focus	Year
HUMANITARIAN FUNDING			
UNHCR	\$5.5m	Shelter and protection	2012-2015
Save the Children	\$2.95m	Water and sanitation, child protection and education	2012-2015
World Food Programme	\$2.4m	Food assistance	2012-2015
CARE	\$2.3m	Shelter and essential relief items	2012-2013
UNICEF	\$1.5m	Water, sanitation and hygiene	2013
UNFPA	\$1m	Sexual violence prevention and health services for women and girls	2015
DEVELOPMENT FUNDING			
CARE	\$7.7m	Livelihoods and education	2011-2017
AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN CORPS DEPLOYEES			
UNHCR	\$0.6m Est.*	2 deployees for camp coordination and management	2014-2015
UNICEF	\$0.26m	1 deployee for water, sanitation and hygiene	2014

*Deployment ongoing

Decisions on future funding are being made in consultation with the Burmese Government and development partners and will be finalised in the Burma Aid Investment Plan 2015-2020 by 30 September. Future humanitarian funding decisions will be made on the basis of need. No decisions have been made on future funding for longer-term development assistance to Rakhine State.

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Funding to Rohingya communities on the Bangladesh-Burma border:

Australia has provided assistance to Rohingya communities in Cox's Bazar in southern Bangladesh since 2010. DFAT currently has a three-year agreement with the World Food Programme (\$8.8 million, 2014-17) to continue efforts to improve food security and nutrition of communities both inside the area's official refugee camps and in refugee hosting subdistricts.

The program includes a comprehensive, multi-layered package of interventions:

- i) delivery of high energy biscuits fortified with micronutrients to school children to reduce hunger and encourage school attendance and retention
- ii) provision of high nutrient food supplements and nutrition and hygiene education to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under five to improve nutrition, and
- iii) support to ultra-poor women, many undocumented Rohingya, to establish resilient and productive livelihoods, a opportunity that they would not otherwise be able to access, to enable them to break intergenerational cycles of under nutrition, hunger and poverty.

Decisions on future funding will be finalised in the Bangladesh Aid Investment Plan 2015-2019 by 30 September.

Support to refugee communities from Burma on the Thai-Burma border:

Over 90 per cent of IDPs on the Thai-Burma border identify as Karen or Karenni. While there may be some Rohingya in these camps, exact figures are unknown.

Australia's is providing \$12 million in development assistance to the camps on the Thai-Burma border (2013-16) for food, shelter, health and education services.

Decisions on future funding are being made in consultation with the Burmese Government and development partners and will be finalised in the Burma Aid Investment Plan 2015-2020 by 30 September.

Australia's advocacy on the situation for the Rohingya

Australia's advocacy on addressing the situation in Rakhine State, including for the Rohingya, is a priority for our bilateral engagement with the Burmese Government.

Our Embassy in Rangoon routinely meets with members of the Rohingya community in Burma to discuss their concerns.

We consistently raise our concerns with all Burma's leaders. We advocate for the Burmese Government to ensure a secure and stable environment for all communities in Rakhine State through:

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- . increasing economic opportunities for both the Rakhine and Rohingya communities
- . providing leadership on the issue through promoting values of tolerance and diversity
- . prosecuting perpetrators of violence in Rakhine State
- . setting a clear pathway to citizenship for all those who identify as Rohingya.

Advocacy in relation to the census

We are aware that Rohingya communities in Rakhine State were unable to self-identify in Burma's 2014 census.

We regularly made representations urging the Burmese Government to ensure the census was conducted in line with international best practice, including ensuring people could self-identify. Following the census, we expressed Australia's disappointment about the conduct of the census in Rakhine State directly to the Burmese Government.

In addition, Australia played a lead advocacy role encouraging the UNFPA and Burmese Government to manage the conflict risks associated with the census, including providing advice on conducting the census in areas not under government control and in areas affected by inter-communal tensions, such as Rakhine State.

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Question No 104

Program: DFAT

Topic: Vision 2020

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

(a) Can the Department advise the Committee of the total Overseas Development Assistance allocation within the 2015-16 international development budget for programs targeting avoidable blindness, eye health and disability support for people with unavoidable blindness and vision impairment?

(b) Can the Department advise the Committee of the breakdown of Overseas Development Assistance by bilateral, in-country assistance, regional and country programs within the 2015-16 international development budget for programs targeting avoidable blindness, eye health and disability support for people with unavoidable blindness and vision impairment?

(c) Can the Department advise the Committee of the specific programs and corresponding Overseas Development Assistance allocation within the 2015-16 international development budget targeting avoidable blindness, eye health and disability support for people with unavoidable blindness and vision impairment?

Answer

A., B., C. Following the release of the aid budget, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is consulting with partners on programming priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans for country and regional programs. Each Aid Investment Plan will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once they have been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015.

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Question No 105

Program: DFAT

Topic: OECD - Export Credits

Question in Writing

Senator Singh

Question

The Australian Government presented a position paper to the OECD Export Credits Group on 4 March 2015 that stated that Australia does not support any changes to the current OECD arrangement in regards to support for coal-fired power plants.

(a) When did Cabinet decide this position?

(b) Were meetings held with major coal exporters in advance of developing this position paper?

(c) What consultations were held with civil society organisations in advance of deciding upon this position?

(d) Given the United States and the United Kingdom support restrictions on financing for coal-fired power plants, why is the Australian Government siding with the Japanese Government over this issue?

(e) Will Australia maintain its position at the forthcoming Export Credit Group meeting in June in Paris, or is there a possibility that the Government will be willing to compromise in order to seek a position agreeable to all the members of the Export Credit Group?

(f) Given that Government's Export Finance Insurance Corporation (EFIC) does not currently finance coal-fired power plants, and that Australian companies do not specialise in exporting coal-fired technology, what are Australia's trade interests in opposing restrictions in financing coal-fired power plants at the Export Credit Group?

(g) Can you confirm whether the Government is considering extending export credits to Australian business to build coal plants overseas through EFIC, as inferred in the Energy White Paper?

(h) Is EFIC being asked by the Government to start extending export credits to Australian companies to build coal plants overseas?

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(i) If so, are there particular coal-plant projects currently being considered by EFIC?

Answer

- A. This has consistently been the Government's position since discussions on this matter commenced at the OECD in early 2014.
- B. No.
- C. None.
- D. The Australian Government develops international policy positions based on the Australian national interest – it does not set out to 'side with' or 'side against' other countries.
- E. Australia maintained its position during the June meetings of the Export Credit Group in Paris. Discussions are ongoing.
- F. Australia maintained this position during the June meetings of the Export Credit Group
- G. As a Participant to the OECD Export Credit Arrangement, Australia's interest is in preserving the integrity of the Arrangement as a framework for maintaining the orderly use of officially supported export credits.
- H. No.
- I. No.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 106

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid funding for family planning

Question in Writing

Senator Bernardi

Question

(a) How much Commonwealth aid funding is spent per annum on family planning programs overseas, for the past two financial years?

(b) Please provide a breakdown for the funding per country.

(c) How many of those programs offer abortion services?

(d) For these programs, please provide the funding given to each program in the last two financial years.

(e) Is the Department aware of exactly how much Commonwealth aid funding goes towards funding overseas abortions each year? If so, please provide a breakdown of the funding spent each year for the past two financial years.

(f) How much Commonwealth aid funding is spent per annum on funding midwives and clean birthing facilities overseas, for the past two financial years?

(g) Please provide a breakdown for the funding per country.

Answer

A. The amount spent on family planning through the Australian aid program was \$44.9m in 2012-13 and \$46.4m in 2013-14.

B. DFAT provides funding for family planning-related activities through bilateral programs, global NGO funding, contributions to multilateral agencies, and other mechanisms. Overall expenditure on family planning is made up of a combination of these, and total funding is not tracked at the country level.

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C. In 2012-13 and 2013-14, DFAT has provided funding for family planning-related organisations that have mandates to offer abortion-related services, including support for post-abortion care, subject to the laws of the country.

D. The below figures show the value of DFAT funding for reproductive, maternal and child health and family planning programs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 that may include, but are not solely related to, support for abortion-related services, including support for training in safe abortion or post-abortion care, subject to the laws of the country.

Country	Program	Spending in Year (AUD)	
		2012-13	2013-14
Timor-Leste	Support to Marie Stopes International (MSI)	2,960,000	1,830,000
Cambodia	Support to MSI to implement Reducing Maternal Mortality Program and Partnering to Save Lives	1,205,858	2,484,940
	ANCP support to MSI	209,495	
Kenya	Support to MSI	200,301	
Vietnam	ANCP support to MSI		505,534
South Asia	Core funding to the IPPF South Asia Strategic Plan (2010-2015)	1,000,000	2,000,000
Global	Multiyear core funding to the IPPF.	4,000,000	2,000,000

In addition to this, in some countries DFAT also provides funding for broader maternal and child health sector support, either through pooled funds with other donors or through direct support to national governments. Where abortion is legal, national governments may utilise these funds to provide safe abortion services.

E. No. DFAT reporting mechanisms do not track individual spending relating to abortion services. Those programs that provide abortion-related services do so as part of broader integrated health support programs in accordance with individual countries' laws. See response to D.

F. DFAT spent an estimated \$397.7 million in 2012-13 and \$395.4 million on maternal and child health activities in 2013-14, which may include support to midwives and clean birthing facilities. DFAT reporting mechanisms do not track spending related to the provision of midwives and clean birthing facilities.

G. As DFAT reporting mechanisms do not track individual spending relating specifically to midwives and clean birthing facilities, it is not possible to provide detailed expenditure by country.

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Question No 107

Program: DFAT

Topic: Indonesia - Elizabeth O'Neill Journalism Award

Question in Writing

Senator Xenophon

Question

Question re Elizabeth O'Neill journalism award ("sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australia-Indonesia Institute and [...] conferred annually on one Australian and one Indonesian journalist. It is open to print, radio, television and internet journalists.") [ref: http://www.foreignminister.gov.au/releases/2011/kr_mr_111215.html].

(a) Did any of the winners of the award report on the Papuan provinces?

(b) Did any of them ask the Australian government to liaise with Indonesia to facilitate entry to the Papuan Provinces?

(c) Did any of them report difficulties in gaining access to the Papuan provinces?

(d) Did any of them provide a report of their activities to the Australian government at the conclusion of their term?

(e) Please provide these reports.

(f) What kind of assistance did Australia provide Indonesia during the Asian Financial Crisis? Please itemise the programs and dollar amounts.

Answer

A. No

B. No

C. N/a

D. N/a

E. N/a

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F. This information is already on the public record. We refer you to the AusAID Annual Report 1998-1999:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/corporate/annual-reports/Pages/annual-reports.aspx>

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Question No 108

Program: DFAT

Topic: FTAs

Question in Writing

Senator Xenophon

Question

Australia has FTAs with Singapore (2003), New Zealand (2004), United States (2005), Thailand (2005) and Chile (2009), the countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations and New Zealand (ASEAN – 2009), and Malaysia (2013).

(a) I note that ACCI surveyed 4000 of its members in 2010 asking whether they participated in any of our Preferential Trade Agreements (FTAs). Just 51 firms – or less than 2 per cent – responded that they did. Does DFAT track the participation levels of Australian businesses in Preferential Trade Agreements (FTAs)?

(b) If so, could DFAT please tell the committee what the participation numbers are for our FTAs as of the latest figures for each of our agreements?

(c) Does DFAT agree that the average level of participation by Australian business is modest?

(d) Given that FTAs are supposed to be beneficial to Australian businesses, not just Australian consumers, what is DFAT doing about increasing the participation of our firms in our FTAs?

(e) Does DFAT track the trade performance of Australia with our FTA partner countries?

(f) According to ABS data that I've had analysed, it appears that Australia encounters deteriorating trade performance and higher volatility with FTA partner countries once the FTA is signed (see attached release) – will DFAT release its analysis of Australia relative trade performance with FTA partner nations in the five years prior to the signing and for each year since?

(g) Has DFAT done an analysis (independent or internal) of its predictions in relation to trade and economic improvements made before FTAs are signed and how these predictions compare with the reality of the trade and economic outcomes since the agreements were signed?

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(h) If so, what has DFAT found in terms of the reliability of its predictions?

(i) Will DFAT release this data?

(j) Why doesn't the Government adopt the recommendation of the Productivity Commission and ACCI and engage independent analysis of potential FTAs ahead so that the so-called benefits can be weighed-up ahead of negotiations and spruiking by DFAT and the Government?

(k) Further, why isn't the performance of our FTAs independently and publicly assessed by a body such as the ABS so that we can track their performance and whether they are truly beneficial to Australia as a whole?

(l) Many businesses and their representative bodies have called for a "standard form" for Australian FTAs that would be public and widely understood – because of the complexity and lack of understanding of each of our FTAs, leading to a lack of participation from Australian businesses. Has DFAT considered going down this road?

(m) In relation to the KAFTA (Korea-Australia FTA) – why is it that Australia agreed to watered-down work and human rights conditions in relation to the Outward Processing Zone in North Korea compared to the agreement signed by the US with Korea?

Answer

Detailed information in relation to Australia's FTAs can be found in the Department's submission to the 2010 Productivity Commission inquiry into Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements – available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/trade-agreements/submissions#initial> – and in the Department's post-draft report submission to the inquiry – available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/trade-agreements/submissions#post-draft>

Further specific information can be found in the Department's submission to the present inquiry being undertaken by the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth into the Business Experience in Utilising Australia's Free Trade Agreements. This submission should be available on or shortly after 21 July 2015.

A. See above.

B. See above.

C. See above.

D. DFAT is working with Austrade and other government agencies to deliver an FTA advocacy programme to Australian businesses. The programme is designed to

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help Australian business identify and capitalise on the opportunities presented by our free trade agreements, particularly North Asia.

The programme contains various elements; DFAT's involvement is primarily with a national FTA information seminar series, help desk support and an online FTA Dashboard to be rolled out later this year. DFAT's website also contains a wide variety of information, user guides and factsheets on Australia's various FTAs, to make these more accessible to business.

While the focus of the program is on the recent North Asia FTAs, promotional activities encourage the use of all of Australia's FTAs, and also encourage stakeholder engagement on those FTAs currently being negotiated. For example, during the 10 seminars held to date, officials have answered questions or discussed FTAs with the US (AUSFTA) and ASEAN-New Zealand (AANZFTA), amongst others.

More broadly, the Department, with Austrade and other government agencies, supports the ongoing uptake of opportunities under existing FTAs. For example, the North Asia FTA information seminar series highlights the ongoing benefits of existing FTAs; DFAT has promoted AUSFTA opportunities on its 10th anniversary; and it has also led work on the First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing AANZFTA, which will provide for improved administrative efficiency by Customs authorities and encourage enhanced business utilisation of the AANZFTA.

E. DFAT tracks and publishes detailed trade data on all Australia's trade relationships. Publications, country fact sheets, trade time series data in excel format and pivot tables can be found at <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/resources/trade-statistics/Pages/trade-statistics.aspx>

F. See answer to E.

G. No. The limitations inherent in modelling the possible quantitative impacts of trade agreements are discussed in DFAT's supplementary submission to the Productivity Commission review of Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements (September 2010).

H. See answer to G.

I. See answer to E.

J. This a question for the Government.

K. This a question for the Government.

L. See the Department's submission to the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth into the Business Experience in Utilising Australia's Free Trade Agreements. This submission should be available on or shortly after 21 July 2015.

M. This characterisation is inaccurate. Both KAFTA and KORUS establish Committees on Outward Processing Zones on the Korean Peninsula tasked with identifying geographic areas that may be designated as outward processing zones.

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Neither agreement makes this designation or obliges the parties to make such a designation in the future.

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Question No 109

Program: DFAT

Topic: OECD - Export Credits

Question in Writing

Senator Whish-Wilson

Question

The government presented a position paper to the OECD Export Credits Group on 4 March 2015 stating that Australia does not support any changes to the current OECD arrangement in regards to support for coal-fired power plants.

(a) When did the government decide this position? Was this a cabinet decision?

(b) Were major coal exporters consulted in advance of developing this position paper?

(c) Were civil society groups consulted in advance of developing this position paper?

(d) Was the United States consulted in advance of developing this position paper?

(e) Was the United Kingdom consulted in advance of developing this position paper?

(f) Will Australia maintain this position at the forthcoming Export Credit Group meeting in Paris?

(g) What are Australia's trade interests in opposing restrictions in financing coal-fired power plants at the Export Credit Group?

(h) Is the government considering extending export credits to Australian businesses to build coal plants overseas through EFIC?

(i) Is EFIC being asked by the government to extend export credits to Australian companies to build coal plants overseas? If so, are there particular projects currently being considered by EFIC?

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Answer

- A. This has consistently been the Government's position since discussions on this matter commenced at the OECD in early 2014.
- B. No.
- C. No.
- D. No.
- E. No.
- F. Australia maintained this position during the June meetings of the Export Credit Group in Paris. Discussions are ongoing.
- G. As a Participant to the OECD Export Credit Arrangement, Australia's interest is in preserving the integrity of the Arrangement as a framework for maintaining the orderly use of officially supported export credits.
- H. No.
- I. No.

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Question No 110

Program: DFAT

Topic: UNWTO

Question in Writing

Senator Brown

Question

What date will Australia's withdrawal from UNWTO take effect?

Answer

The domestic treaty process for Australia's withdrawal from the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is underway. No date has been confirmed for Australia's withdrawal from the UNWTO.

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Question No 111

Program: DFAT

Topic: Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department/Agency - 34T

Question in Writing

Senator Ludwig

Question

- 1. What is the Department/Agency's policy with regard to hiring non-Australian citizens?***
- 2. Does the agency have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) policy? If yes, please provide a summary.***
- 3. How does the Department/Agency determine whether a person is a non-Australian citizen?***
- 4. How many staff who were not Australian Citizens have been hired by the Department/Agency since the Federal Election in September, 2013? Please break the numbers down by:***
 - (a) Levels at which they are employed***
 - (b) Immigration Status (Visa)***
 - (c) Cultural Background***
 - (d) Linguistic Background***
 - (e) How many were hired to satisfy CALD targets?***

Answer

1. The department hires non-Australian citizens as locally engaged staff at various overseas locations. Locally engaged staff perform an important role in the department's objective of advancing the interest of Australia and Australians overseas. Locally engaged staff are employed across various work functions at post including: accounting, administrative support, consular, development, human resources, ICT, public diplomacy and political research.

2. No.

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3. The department determines non-Australian citizens according to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's citizenship policy and if applicable, local country regulations for dual citizenship.
4. The level of detail requested would require an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources due to the disparate human resource systems utilized across 95 overseas locations.

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Question No 112

Program: DFAT

Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution - 34T

Question in Writing

Senator Ludwig

Question

A. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?

B. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:

(a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).

(b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.

(c) When the contract with the firm commenced.

(d) When the contract with the firm will expire.

(e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.

(f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

C. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?

D. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:

(a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).

(b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.

(c) When the contract with the firm commenced.

(d) When the contract with the firm will expire.

(e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.

(f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief

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description of the dispute.

Answer

- A. The department takes timely and appropriate action to address any disputes in the workplace. The department encourages staff to address any disputes informally in the first instance to expedite the resolution of issues.

Formal mechanisms may be used if informal processes do not address an individual's concerns.

Formal complaints are lodged in writing and in accordance with the department's Conduct and Ethics Manual. If a prima facie case for investigation is made, a senior officer is then appointed to investigate complaints promptly, fairly and impartially. Investigation procedures adhere to the natural justice principles and ensure fairness for all concerned.

- B. The Department does not collect agency-wide information on external mediations. It is not possible to respond with the detail requested, as it would be an unreasonable administrative burden.
- C. The Department's Conduct and Ethics Manual contains procedures for dealing with alleged code of conduct violations (breaches). Depending on the nature and severity an alleged breach may be dealt with internally via a form of dispute resolution such as mediation or counselling.
- D. No external providers were contracted for code of conduct mediation.

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Question No 113

Program: DFAT

Topic: China – Australia–China High-Level Dialogue

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

In reference to Additional Estimates QoN #26

- A. Who was responsible for selecting the 15 representatives who attended last year's High Level Dialogue in Beijing?**
- B. Who had final decision making power over the list?**
- C. Will the same process be used this year?**
- D. What were the costs associated with each representative met by the Department?**

Answer

- A. The 15 Australian delegates for the 2014 Australia–China High-Level Dialogue were selected as a result of consultations between the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Secretary DFAT, Australia's Ambassador to China, and co-Chair the Hon Peter Costello AC.
- B. While the list was determined through a process of consultation between the above mentioned parties, the list was ultimately approved by the Foreign Minister.
- C. Yes.
- D. See answer to Question on Notice #27 from 2015 Additional Estimates.

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Question No 114

Program: DFAT

Topic: Indonesia - 35T

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. How were these cuts to Indonesia's aid program discussed with the Indonesian government?**
- B. What officials and at what level was the initial conversation had?**
- C. How did Indonesia's leadership respond?**

Answer

Discussions with the Indonesian Government regarding the aid budget allocation to Indonesia in 2015-16 are ongoing.

The Australian Embassy in Jakarta has met with the highest level senior official in the State Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), in addition to senior officials in other line ministries.

Discussions are ongoing and confidential at this stage.

On May 15, Indonesia's foreign ministry spokesman Armanatha Nasir was reported by the ABC as saying he understood Treasurer Joe Hockey's reasons for reducing aid. "Three points were made clear. First that aid given has been reduced [for] countries where they themselves provide aid," he said. "Aid is being reduced to countries where the potential economic growth for the future is bright.

"Third, if I'm not mistaken, the focus is the Australian Government ... providing aid to the Pacific, which is the immediate region... that this is not directed to a single country... has to be kept clear in our mind."

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - EU

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

In late April Minister Bishop visited France and Germany and attended the GCCS2015.

- 1. How much time did she spend in country?**
- 2. Did she travel on a commercial or RAAF (VIP) flight?**
- 3. How many staff travelled with her?**
- 4. Which staff members travelled with her?**
- 5. Do those staff members work for her office or for the PM's office? If from the PM's office, was this a one-off instance or a reoccurring staffing arrangement?**
- 6. What were the purposes of the visit?**
- 7. Who did she meet with?**
- 8. What were the outcomes of those meetings?**
- 9. What was the total cost of the trip?**

Answer

This information was provided in the response to Question on Notice 33.

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Question No 116

Program: DFAT

Topic: Pacific - ODA funding

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

In relation to the following Pacific Countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau

- a) When were these governments told about the level of aid from Australia for 2015-16?**
- b) Who was informed in each of these governments?**
- c) Who from Australia informed the governments about the level of aid our partners would receive?**
- d) What was the reaction from each country when they were informed of the level of funding from Australia?**

Answer

Papua New Guinea

- a) 12 May 2015 (budget night)
- b) Hon Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea;
Hon Rimbink Pato MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration;
Hon Charles Abel MP, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring; and
senior officials of key departments
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea
- d) Ministers and officials acknowledged advice of the bilateral aid budget for 2015-16.

Solomon Islands

- e) 13 May 2015
- f) Hon Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands;
Hon Snyder Rini, Minister for Finance;
Hon Milner Tozaka, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade; and Hon
Danny Philip, Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination
- g) Australia's High Commissioner to Solomon Islands
- h) Prime Minister Sogavare responded positively to the level of funding, and
thanked Australia for its continuous support to Solomon Islands.

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Vanuatu

- a) 13 May 2015
- b) Hon Joe Natuman, former Prime Minister of Vanuatu;
Hon Sato Kilman, former Foreign Minister;
Hon Moana Carcassess, former Opposition Leader; and
senior officials of key departments
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Vanuatu, Jeremy Bruer informed former Prime Minister Natuman, former Foreign Minister Kilman and former Opposition Leader Carcassess; and Australia's Deputy High Commissioner Simon Flores informed officials
- d) Ministers and officials were pleased with the advice.

Samoa

- a) 13 May 2015
- b) Hon Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa; and
senior officials of key departments
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Samoa, Sue Langford
- d) Prime Minister Tuilaepa conveyed his gratitude for Australia's continuing support for the development of Samoa.

Fiji

- a) 14 May 2015
- b) Mr. Filimone Waqabaca, Fijian Permanent Secretary for Finance
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, Margaret Twomey
- d) Mr Waqabaca expressed gratitude to Australia for the ongoing development cooperation commitment.

Tonga

- a) 13 May 2015
- b) Hon Dr. 'Aisake Valu Eke, Tongan Minister for Finance
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Tonga, Brett Aldam
- d) 'Eke welcomed the news that the budget for Tonga was unchanged as it gave certainty to Tonga as it finalised its own budget.

Nauru

- a) 14 May 2015
- b) Hon David Adeang, Nauruan Minister for Finance
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Nauru, Martin Quinn
- d) The Minister was pleased to note the allocation was similar to previous years.

Kiribati

- a) 13 May 2015
- b) The Secretary Ms Akka Rimon, and Deputy Secretary Ms Terengaiti Awerika of the Kiribati Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Kiribati, George Fraser
- d) Ms Rimon acknowledged advice of the bilateral aid budget for 2015-16.

Tuvalu

- a) 13 May 2015
- b) Hon Maatia Toafa, Tuvaluan Minister for Finance

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- c) Counsellor Bilateral and Tuvalu, Joanne Choe, Australian High Commission, Wellington
- d) Acknowledged with thanks the ongoing development assistance from Australia.

Cook Islands

- a) 14 May 2015
- b) Cook Islands High Commission, Wellington
- c) First Secretary Political, Wellington, Lucy Ryan
- d) The Cook Islands High Commission, Wellington, was pleased to hear that funding levels would be maintained in 2015-16.

Niue

- a) 14 May 2015
- b) Niue High Commission, Wellington
- c) First Secretary Political, Wellington, Lucy Ryan
- d) The Niue High Commission, Wellington, was pleased to hear that funding levels would be maintained in 2015-16.

Tokelau

- a) 29th June 2015
- b) Hon Siopili Perez, Ulu o Tokelau
- c) Australia's High Commissioner to Wellington, Michael Potts,
- d) Mr Perez was pleased to hear that funding levels would be maintained in 2015-16.

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Question No 117

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel - Bipartisan Pacific trip

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Does the Department agree that bipartisan trips are valuable?**
- B. Will there be a bipartisan trip to the Pacific this year?**
- C. Will there be a bipartisan trip to the Pacific next year?**

Answer

- A. Well targeted travel by Ministers and Parliamentarians focused on advancing Australia's interests is valuable.
- B. Answered in Question on Notice Number 56.
- C. Forward travel plans have not been finalised for 2016.

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Question No 118

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ambassador for Women and Girls - 35T

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Referencing Additional Estimates QoN #151:

Can the Department provide an updated version of the table provided in part e, f, g?

Answer

Below is an updated version of the table which provides a summary of the Ambassador for Women and Girls international travel, the purpose of each visit and the outcomes.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Nature and purpose</i>	<i>Outcomes</i>
2015			
June	Samoa	Bilateral visit	Advanced Australia's bilateral cooperation with Samoa on gender equality building on previous engagement with Samoan representatives at Pacific regional events. Positive local media coverage.
May	Argentina, Brazil	Represented Australia at the 25 th anniversary of the Global Summit of Women (including a Ministerial Roundtable event) and conducted bilateral programs in both Argentina and Brazil.	Showcased Australian public/private sector initiatives that advance women's economic participation to the Global Summit (including to Ministers for the Status of Women). Commitments by Canada, Germany, Malaysia and the UAE to consider the appointment of

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			ambassadors for gender equality. Advanced bilateral cooperation with Argentina on gender equality programs. Positive Australian and local media coverage.
April	Fiji	Participated in the Pacific Women Parliamentary Partnerships Forum and conducted a separate bilateral program.	Contributed to stronger regional approaches to parliamentary twinning arrangements and agreement on a set of priorities to strengthen legislative action to deal with family violence. Launched the Pacific Disability Forum's Eliminating Violence Against Women Toolkit and Medical Services Pacific's educational resources for young women. Positive local media coverage.
March	US	Attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), followed by a bilateral program in Washington.	Advocated actively for strong global responses to remaining obstacles to gender equality, through the 20-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action and the post-2015 development framework. Promoted Australia's national and international programs to advance gender equality and showcased our position as a global leader on these issues (including through presentations at six events and participation in 17 bilateral meetings at CSW).
February	Burma, Cambodia	Bilateral visit	Advanced bilateral cooperation on women's economic empowerment and addressing violence against women and girls, including trafficking. Advocated for the promotion of gender equality in Burma's reform agenda.

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			Launched new gender equality programs. Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
2014			
November	Fiji	Bilateral visit to mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, including participation in regional conferences on the engagement of the private sector to end violence against women.	Promoted gender equality as an area of strong bilateral cooperation, with a focus on women's economic empowerment and ending violence against women and girls. Promoted regional best practice by businesses to address violence against women. Launched new gender equality programs. Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
October	US	Represented Australia at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security (WPS).	Advanced Australia's advocacy to strengthen the WPS agenda.
October	India	Bilateral visit in conjunction with International Day of the Girl Child.	Strengthened our bilateral cooperation on girls' leadership, women's economic empowerment and ending violence against women and girls. Promoted Australia's gender equality policies and programs. Launched new gender equality programs. Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
September	South Africa, Mauritius, Madagascar	Accompanied Minister Bishop on a visit to Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) members, to advance regional approaches to the promotion of gender equality.	Promoted Australia's bilateral and regional cooperation on women's economic empowerment, women's leadership, maternal and child health, access to education and ending violence, trafficking and slavery. Positive and extensive local and Australian media

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			coverage.
August	Malaysia	Chaired the Australian-hosted IORA Women's Economic Empowerment Dialogue Event, and conducted a bilateral program.	Promoted regional cooperation through IORA to support women's economic empowerment. Developed recommendations for the mainstreaming of gender equality across the IORA agenda.
July	Tonga	Hosted the inaugural Pacific Women Policy-Makers' Dialogue, participated in the Pacific Women Parliamentary Partnerships Forum and conducted a separate bilateral program.	Advanced Australia's cooperation with the Pacific to promote Pacific women's leadership and political representation. Identified new measures to support Pacific women's leadership. Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
June	UK	Led Australia's delegation to the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict.	Promoted Australia's global engagement on the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Ensured regional perspectives from the Indo-Pacific were reflected in discussions and outcomes. Signed the Summit Statement of Action on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict.
May	China	Led Australia's delegation to the APEC Women and the Economy Forum.	Advanced the mainstreaming of gender equality considerations across the broad APEC agenda. Negotiated for a practical and outcome-oriented Strategic Workplan for women's economic participation in APEC. Positive local media coverage.
April	Papua New Guinea	Bilateral visit.	Promoted stronger bilateral cooperation on women's leadership, economic empowerment and addressing family and sexual violence. Launched new gender equality programs.

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			Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
March	US	Attended the CSW, followed by a bilateral program in Washington.	Promoted Australia's negotiating priorities, helped secure strong language in the CSW Agreed Conclusions on Australia's key priorities. Promoted Australia's global work to empower women and promote equality.
February	Indonesia	Represented Australia at the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children to promote Australian cooperation with ASEAN to empower women.	Advanced Australia's bilateral and ASEAN regional cooperation on issues such as women's leadership, maternal and child health, women's empowerment, trafficking and slavery. Positive and extensive local and Australian media coverage.
2013			
December	Nauru, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu	Participated in bipartisan parliamentary delegation visit to the Pacific.	Ensured a strong focus on gender equality and promoted Australia's regional cooperation on women's empowerment.

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Question No 119

Program: DFAT

Topic: Cultural visits program

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Referencing Additional Estimates QoN #157:

Can the Department provide an updated list since December 2014 including the following parameters:

- **Who participated in each activity?**
- **What were the outcomes of each activity?**
- **What were the costs associated with each activity/participant?**

Answer

VISITING INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS PROGRAM (VIPS) – Sydney, 18 to 24 May 2015

Participation:

- S. Anand, Publisher, Navayana, India
- Manasi Subramaniam, Commissioning Editor and Rights Manager, HarperCollins Ltd, India
- Violet Cheong, Rights Manager, Commonwealth Publishing Group, Taiwan

Outcomes:

- Facilitated sponsored participants to engage directly with Australian publishers and establish important strategic links.
- Promoted rights sales of Australian titles for India and Taiwanese markets.
- Raises the profile of Australian publishing industry for generating commercial interests.

Cost: \$20,000 (ex GST)

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Question No 120

Program: DFAT

Topic: Public Diplomacy - Budget

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Referencing Additional Estimates QoN #158:

- **Can the Department provide an update on DFAT's public diplomacy budget?**
- **Have there been a reduction in the number of public diplomacy initiatives or the scale?**

Answer

- A. The Department's public diplomacy budget amounts to approximately \$4.5 million in 2014-2015 and approximately \$7 million in 2015-2016. This supports the Department's global network of Posts for in-country public diplomacy activities, as well as key programs in culture, science, sports, major events and domestic advocacy. This funding does not include other major public diplomacy initiatives managed by the Department including the New Colombo Plan, Australia Awards, volunteers, and the International Relations Grants Program delivered through the Foundations, Councils and Institutes.
- B. No.

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Question No 121

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular - Mr Morison

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Senator Dastyari

Question

Mr Philp: We are aware that Mr Morison is in discussions with the Thai authorities about ways to deal with the case. I would rather not go into more detail for privacy reasons.

Senator DASTYARI: Sure. I have a related question. Is he currently in prison, or do you know what his situation is? Is he under house detention, prison, or bail? I do not know the complexities of the Thai legal system.

Mr Philp: I think he is on bail, but I could take it on notice if you wish the precise details.

Senator DASTYARI: Yes. If you would take on notice what kinds of restrictions have been placed on him and placed on his movements.

Answer

Mr Morison is currently on bail, consistent with provisions of Thai law.

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Question No 122

Program: DFAT

Topic: Innovation Xchange - 35T

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- **In reference to Additional Estimates QoN #13:**
 - **Can the Department provide a copy of the 1000 ideas cited?**
 - **How many of those 1000 ideas have been implemented?**
- **In reference to Additional Estimates QoN #15:**
 - **Can the Department provide a breakdown of the positions and responsibilities of these staff?**
- **In reference to Additional Estimates QoN #17:**
 - **Can the Department provide a detailed update on the three projects mentioned?**
 - **How many projects are in the pipeline now?**

Can the Department provide details on these projects, their purposes, timeframes and costs?

Answer

GIF – 1000 ideas cited:

This information is held by a third party and it is not their current approach to release these details publicly.

Breakdown of innovationXchange positions:

Job Title	Work Role
Executive Level 1 GN	Co-design Planning
Policy Graduate Trainee	Policy Graduate Trainee
APS Level 6 GN	Co-design Planning
BB2 APS Level 5 GN	Usability Design and Testing
BB2 APS Level 4 GN	Usability Design and Testing
APS Level 5 GN	Business Management

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First Assistant Secretary Strategic Design

Update on the three innovationXchange projects:

Bloomberg Philanthropies

Bloomberg is in the enrolment stage, meeting with countries to encourage them to enrol to be a partner of the initiative. Bloomberg representatives have met with 11 countries to date and will meet with the remaining 10 by end October 2015. The aim is to have 50% of the countries met to date signed up by July 2015. Once a country has signed up, Bloomberg will develop a country specific work plan (within 90 days). The work plan is necessarily tailored as different countries will have different levels of health systems and current data availability.

SEED Pacific

SEED Pacific is in the process of selecting an Initiative Manager. A tender process was launched for the Initiative Manager on 18 March 2015 and closed on 18 May. Bids are currently being assessed by a specially convened Tender Evaluation Committee. We expect to have contracted an Initiative Manager by August 2015. Following this appointment we will proceed into a six month design phase for the initiative including engaging with private sector organisations regarding shared value in the pacific region.

DFAT Ideas Challenge

The department has been through a process to select two winners – ‘The Cloud Passport’ and ‘No Win No Fee for Raising Government Revenue’. The department is in the process of considering implementation of a number of other ideas, however this is not yet complete. 392 ideas were received through the online competition.

Projects in the pipeline:

Blue Economy

The blue economy refers to the use of our ocean resources to bring economic and social benefits that are efficient, equitable and sustainable.

InnovationXchange is designing an innovation initiative that will:

- bring together a coalition of experts across Australia to find opportunities and gaps where Australia can focus our efforts in supporting sustainable economic growth from our oceans.
- innovationXchange will then run an innovation challenge to source innovative ideas that can then be trialled, supported and if successful, scaled up.

Timeframe

- The coalition of experts will meet in August 2015 followed by an innovation challenge by the end of 2015.

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Budget

- To date \$35,114 has been spent engaging a consultant to review the Australian blue economy landscape and make connections across private sector, science, research organisations and developing countries.
- No funds have yet been committed to run the innovation challenge in the blue economy. [Notionally AUD3 million is available to run the innovation challenge and test ideas].

Humanitarian

Natural disasters regularly affect our neighbours in the Pacific. Australia is committed to finding better ways to respond to these disasters and find new ways of ensuring communities are resilient to the impacts of disasters.

In order to use innovation to solve challenges in humanitarian response we must first clearly understand the needs and challenges faced by communities affected by disaster. InnovationXchange will thoroughly research the needs of disaster affected communities before calling widely for innovative ideas to tackle these needs.

- InnovationXchange is using a human-centred design approach (closely listening to and understanding views of affected communities) to produce a list of the critical challenges facing communities in the Pacific during disasters.
- These challenges will then be prioritised by experts at the World Humanitarian Summit consultation for the Pacific in Auckland (30 June-2 July).
- InnovationXchange will then call for innovative ideas that will address these challenges and provide some funding to test the most innovative and suitable.

Timeframe

We expect to complete the selection of innovative ideas which address the identified challenges by the end of 2015.

Budget

- To date \$254 500 has been committed to contract a team to conduct the initial research and will prioritise the challenges.
- \$2 million (\$1M from innovationXchange budget) is notionally available to run the innovation challenge and test ideas.

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Question No 123

Program: DFAT

Topic: Role of the Parliamentary Secretary

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. What are Mr Ciobo's responsibilities as Parliamentary Secretary?**
- B. What representation has Mr Ciobo done on behalf of the Foreign Minister since 20 December 2014?**

Answer

- A. Mr Ciobo's responsibilities include assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to the implementation and promotion of the New Colombo Plan; implementation of the Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct; and relations with Fiji. Mr Ciobo's responsibilities further include assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment in relation to Free Trade Agreement advocacy in Australia; Free Trade Agreement promotion and implementation overseas, including through leadership of targeted sectoral business delegations; tourism promotion, including representing Mr Robb at key tourism industry events in Australia to capitalise on growth opportunities and address barriers to tourism sector growth; and boosting economic ties with countries in Australia's region, specifically South-East Asia and the Pacific, including in relation to the PACER Plus agreement.
- B. Mr Ciobo has represented the Foreign Minister in the capacity set out above.

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Question No 124

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid - Country Breakdown

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- **For all countries receiving Australian aid please provide a breakdown of the aid provided in 2014-15 and 2015-16 by:**
 - 1. Direct bilateral assistance provided through DFAT;**
 - 2. An estimate of the amount provided through DFAT regional and global expenditure;**
 - 3. An estimate ODA-eligible expenditure by other Australian government departments (other than DFAT).**

Answer

1, 2 and 3. Estimates of 2014-15 and 2015-16 expenditure for DFAT's bilateral, regional and global programs and other government departments are on the DFAT website at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx>.

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Question No 125

Program: DFAT

Topic: Project cuts

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- **Can the Department provide a full list of investments that have been cut, had budgets reduced, or been ended early as a result of the cuts announced in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook in December 2014 and implemented in the 2015-16 budget?**
- **Can the Department provide information on how it will decide which individual investments will be cut and which will be spared? Can DFAT provide its criteria for making these decisions?**
- **Can the Department advise what the reaction of partner governments has been to advice of cuts to their bilateral aid program?**
- **A chart tabled during Senate Estimates listed 'committed expenses' for 2015-16. The following country programs had committed expenses in 2015-16 which were higher than the 2015-16 budget allocation:**
 - **Vietnam**
 - **Philippines**
 - **Burma**
 - **Laos**
 - **Mongolia**
 - **Bangladesh**
 - **Pakistan**
- **Could DFAT advise what investments already committed to will need to be cut or reduced in order to achieve the 2015-16 budget?**

Answer

- A. The Government is consulting with partners following the release of the aid budget on program priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans for country and regional programs. Each Aid Investment Plan will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once they have been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015.

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- B. The aid program's priorities remain consistent with the strategic framework outlined in the Government's aid policy released in June 2014 – *Australian aid: Promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*. The aid policy sets out four tests to guide strategic choices in allocating the aid budget at a strategic level. These are: pursuing national interest and extending Australia's influence, impact on promoting growth and reducing poverty, Australia's value-add and leverage, and making performance count.
- C. The Government is consulting with partner governments following the release of the aid budget on program priorities. As part of maintaining strong relationships, these discussions are held in confidence.
- D. See response to part A above.

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Question No 126

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sectoral Allocations

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

What are the budget allocations to each of the ‘priority areas’:

- 1. Infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness;**
- 2. Agriculture, fisheries and water;**
- 3. Effective governance;**
- 4. Education and health**
 - a. Education (including separate breakdown for Australia Awards)**
 - b. Health (including separate breakdown for WASH)**
- 5. Building resilience;**
 - a. Including a breakdown of the global programs**
 - b. Country, regional and other programs**
 - c. Other government departments**
- 6. Gender equality and empowering women and girls**

Answer

The Government is consulting with partners following the release of the aid budget on program priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans for country and regional programs. Each Aid Investment Plan will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once they have been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015. At this time, an estimated breakdown of total ODA by investment priority will be published on the DFAT website.

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Question No 127

Program: DFAT

Topic: Other Government Departments

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Could the Department provide detail of aid allocations to other government departments and a summary of what those aid allocations are spent on?

Answer

ODA allocations to all government departments are on the DFAT website at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx>.

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Question No 128

Program: DFAT

Topic: Country Level Performance Benchmarks

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

When will country level performance benchmarks be released?

Answer

Country level performance benchmarks for 2014-15 were included in the 2013-14 Annual Program Performance Reports. These reports are available at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/aid-program-performance-reports.aspx>.

Longer term performance benchmarks will be articulated in new country and regional Aid Investment Plans.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 129

Program: DFAT

Topic: Blue Book and Budget Papers

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

At June 2014 Senate Estimates, the then Parliamentary Secretary, Senator Mason said:

“[The website] gives a commensurate level of detail that the blue book historically did.”

- **Is that still the case? Why was detailed information about country, regional and global programs not available on budget night?**
- **Why were there not full sectoral breakdowns available as had previously been available on budget night?**
- **Why were details about the expenditure of ODA by other government departments not available on budget night?**

Answer

The Government is consulting with partners following the release of the aid budget on program priorities. The outcomes of these consultations will be reflected in Aid Investment Plans for country and regional programs. Each Aid Investment Plan will be made publically available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website once they have been agreed with partners, with all Plans to be completed by 30 September 2015. At this time, an estimated breakdown of total ODA by investment priority will be published on the DFAT website.

Total ODA to other government departments was published on the DFAT website on Budget night. The breakdown by Department was uploaded to the website on 23 June at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/Pages/budget-highlights-2015-16.aspx>.

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Question No 130

Program: DFAT

Topic: Incentive Funds

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

The Foreign Minister in June 2014 announced there would be an Incentive Fund.

“I’m also announcing today the creation of a Performance Incentive Fund, which I envisage will have significant funding attached in coming years. From next year’s budget – 2015 – this incentive fund will offer increased funding for programs and organisations found to be particularly effective in meeting targets and benchmarks.”

Does funding for this initiative still exist in this budget? If yes, where?

Answer

Implementation has been deferred until the 2016-17 budget.

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Question No 131

Program: DFAT

Topic: Development Research

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Could the Department provide information on whether the Australian Development Research Grants Scheme will continue to be funded under this budget?

Answer

There are no current plans to continue the Australian Development Research Awards Scheme (ADRAS).

DFAT continues to fund development research through a range of other programs and funding arrangements, including country and sector programs, research partnerships and support to developing country research institutions.

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Question No 132

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid to Delivery Partners

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

What is the proportion of DFAT ODA delivered by NGOs, contractors and multilateral organisations for 2014-15?

What is the estimated proportion DFAT ODA delivered by NGOs, contractors and multilateral organisations for 2015-16?

Answer

This information is not yet available for 2014-15 or 2015-16.

Table 2 in *Australia's International Development Assistance: Statistical Summary, 2013-14* presents ODA broken down by delivery partner for 2013-14, available at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/aid/statistical-summary-time-series-data/Pages/australian-aid-data.aspx>.

The 2014-15 data is expected to be published on the DFAT website in December 2015.

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Question No 133

Program: DFAT

Topic: Performance Benchmarks

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Benchmark 1: What percentage of the Australian aid budget is invested in 'aid for trade' in the 2015-16 budget?**
- B. Benchmark 2: When will the private sector strategy be publicly released?**
- C. Benchmark 3: The benchmark 3 of delivering Aid Investment Plans for all country and regional programs will not be delivered and has been delayed until September 2015. When will Aid Investment Plans be publicly available?**
- D. Benchmark 4: The Office of Development Effectiveness reported in February 2015 that there had been a decline from the 2012-13 to 2013-14 in the percentage of investments with satisfactory gender equality ratings from 79% to 74%.
 - a. What percentage of the aid investments in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are anticipated to address gender issues in their implementation?**
 - b. When does the Department anticipate meeting the 80% target?****
- E. Benchmark 5: What percentage of the country program is invested in the Indo-Pacific?**
- F. Benchmark 6: Can the Department advise of the mutual obligations that have been agreed between Australia and key partner governments and organisations which are due to commence in July 2015?**
- G. Benchmark 7: Can the Department advise the new systems to assess the performance of the aid program's key delivery partners and how it will link performance and funding? What information will be publicly released about particular aid delivery partners or classes of aid delivery partners through the Partner Performance Assessment?**
- H. Benchmark 8: What is the Department's measure of value for money? What percentage of the aid investments are reaching the benchmark?**
- I. Benchmark 9: Is the Department on track to meet benchmark 9 which requires the reduction of the number of individual investments by 20 percent by 2016-17?**
- J. Benchmark 10: Have the new fraud control and anti-corruption strategies been developed for implementation in July 2015?**

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Answer

- A. The estimated percentage of the Australian aid budget to be invested in “aid for trade” in 2015-16 is not yet available. The percentage will be calculated following planning discussions currently underway with partner governments.
- B. The strategy on engaging the private sector in aid and development is currently in development.
- C. Aid Investment Plans are expected to be publicly available by 30 September 2015.
- D. (a) All aid investments, regardless of their objectives, are required to address gender issues in their implementation. The effectiveness of these investments in addressing gender issues in their implementation is measured by Target 4 of the aid program’s performance framework which sets a target of more than 80 per cent effectiveness.
(b) When does the Department anticipate meeting the 80% target?

The department is in the process of finalising a gender equality strategy which will assist with achieving the target as quickly as possible. DFAT gender specialists are working closely with program areas to improve gender equality assessments.

- E. In the 2014-15 aid budget, around 92 per cent of country programmable aid was allocated to the Indo-Pacific region.
- F. Mutual obligations between Australia and partner governments for 2014-15 were included in the 2013-14 Annual Program Performance Reports. These reports are available at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/aid-program-performance-reports.aspx>. Longer-term mutual obligations will be articulated in new country and regional Aid Investment Plans and progressively identified in agreements and discussions with partner organisations.
- G. A new Partner Performance Assessment system was introduced in 2014-15 to assess the performance of key aid implementing partners (commercial contractors, NGOs, multilateral organisations) receiving earmarked funding under specific-purpose agreements with DFAT. The new Partner Performance Assessment system builds on and strengthens systems already in place to assess the performance of commercial contractors. Reforms to systems for assessing the performance of multilateral partners receiving core funding have been finalised and are being progressively applied. Reforms to systems for assessing the performance of NGOs receiving funding through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program have been finalised and implementation commenced in 2014-15. Summary information on the performance of aid implementing partners will be publicly released in the annual Performance of Australian Aid report. Performance information gathered through partner performance assessments will be taken into account in future funding decisions.
- H. Target 8 of the aid program’s performance framework measures how well Australian aid investments achieve value for money during their implementation. Data to track progress against this target is drawn from the results of DFAT’s annual Aid Quality Checks, in particular whether investments are assessed as satisfactory against effectiveness and efficiency criteria. In 2013-14, 86 per cent of investments were assessed as meeting

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effectiveness criteria and 80% of investments were assessed as meeting efficiency criteria.

I. Yes.

J. Yes.

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Question No 134

Program: DFAT

Topic: Aid spending and funding cuts

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. How does the government expect that the new 'Aid for Trade' paradigm will achieve positive outcomes for the world's poorest people, given they are often unable to participate in the formal economy?**
- B. Noting the Government's policy commitment to program 90% of funds in the Indo-Pacific region:
 - a. Why has ODA been diverted from the world's least developed countries in Africa, to comparatively prosperous nations in Asia?**
 - b. To what extent has the effectiveness of aid played a role in determining which countries will be recipients of ODA?****
- C. To what extent have the funding cuts identified for FY16, foreshadowed cuts for FY17? For example, will the 40% cut applied to the majority of UN agencies follow-through as a cut to funding in FY17 and beyond?**

Answer

- A. As stated in the Government's development policy *Australian Aid: Promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, Australia will direct aid where it will best tackle constraints to growth and poverty reduction. Our investments will support the poor to become participants in, and contributors to, stronger economic development. Aid for trade forms part of the Australian Government's development policy to promote economic growth and reduce poverty.

Aid for trade is about helping developing countries improve their regulatory environment, address their poor economic infrastructure, and build their private sector capacity. It supports developing countries' efforts to better integrate into and benefit from the global rules-based trading system, implement domestic reform, and make a real economic impact on the lives of their citizens.

In ensuring that the benefits from trade are distributed equitably throughout the economy, developing country governments may also need to address inequality directly, including through tax reform and appropriate social policy

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measures. Australia also provides development assistance for public financial management and other economic governance reform.

- B. The aid program's priorities remain consistent with the strategic framework outlined in the Government's aid policy released in June 2014 – *Australian aid: Promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*. This includes a strong focus on the Indo-Pacific region, particularly South East Asia and the Pacific.

The aid policy sets out four tests to guide strategic choices in allocating the aid budget at a strategic level: performance is one of these. The others are: pursuing national interest and extending Australia's influence, impact on promoting growth and reducing poverty, and Australia's value-add and leverage.

- C. 2016-17 ODA allocations to country, regional and global programs will be determined through the 2016-17 Budget process.

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Question No 135

Program: DFAT

Topic: Polio Eradication

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Can the Department confirm whether the reduced funding earmarked for polio eradication in the 2015/16 Budget will still go towards the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and supporting the implementation of the 2013-2018 *Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategy*, as it has in previous years?**
- **If not, can the Department explain how the Government intends to fulfill its commitment to support polio eradication, and the 2013-18 *Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategy* specifically, given the GPEI is the partnership, consisting of stakeholders including Rotary International, that has actually been charged by the World Health Assembly to lead eradication efforts worldwide?**
- B. Separately, will the Government support proposals to renew global support for the 2013-2018 *Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategy* at this year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), to be hosted by Malta in November?**

Answer

- A. Australia's previous years' funding agreement with WHO to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) will expire in June 2015. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is undertaking an options appraisal to determine the implementation mechanism for earmarked funding for polio eradication and routine immunisation from 2015-2016.
- DFAT's options appraisal will consider the most effective partners to deliver the Government's commitment to polio eradication and routine immunisation in our region; and prioritisation against Australia's aid policy and DFAT's *Health for Development Strategy 2015-2020*.
- B. While the agenda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) is still under development, and DFAT cannot yet comment on the specifics of support for the 2013-2018 *Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategy*, Australia is supportive of including polio and routine immunisation in the agenda and communicate in some form.

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Question No 136

Program: DFAT

Topic: Food Security

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. *Not since 2010-2012 has Australia supported the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), when it contributed \$100m (AUD) throughout this period. As one of only ten donors to this Program, will the Government explain why funding has stopped, and where funding to this mechanism is now being directed?***
- B. *According to the World Bank, agricultural productivity remains two to four times more effective at reducing poverty than growth in any other sector. Will Australia's first ever National Food Plan green paper (to be released this year) commit the country to make it easier for developing countries to access Australian markets?***
- C. *Will the Government detail how its 2015/16 Budget will boost agricultural productivity for the 75% of the world's poor living in rural areas?***
- *Will the Government be providing support to help smaller holder farmers, or instead supporting innovations that help them reach output markets?***
 - *To what extent will the Government be supporting small holder farmers who suffer from post-harvest losses in income?***

Answer

- A. Australia continues to be a strong supporter of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), including through active participation in the GAFSP Steering Committee. In June 2015, Australia provided an additional AUD 7.9 million to support GAFSP's private-sector operations in the Asia-Pacific region.
- B. The Department of Agriculture has advised that the *National Food Plan* was an initiative of the former Government. The *Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper* is an initiative of, and will drive the long-term agricultural policies of, the Abbott government.

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- C. The Government's new Strategy for Australia's aid investments in agriculture, fisheries and water, released in February 2015, outlines the Government's development priorities in the agriculture sector. One of the Strategy's core objectives is to increase incomes for poor people. The Strategy gives priority to three areas of engagement: (1) strengthening markets (including increasing smallholder farmers' participation in markets and addressing constraints to agri-food business); (2) innovating for productivity and sustainable resource use; and (3) promoting effective policy, governance and reform.

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Question No 137

Program: DFAT

Topic: Water and Sanitation

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Given that access to sanitation is critical to the empowerment of girls and women, which is a policy priority for the Minister, can the Department confirm whether the Government will continue to fund the work of the Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council and/or its Global Sanitation Fund?

Answer

The Australian aid program is contributing \$10 million to the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) to support implementation of the WSSCC's Medium Term Strategic Plan 2012-2016. A decision on funding to the WSSCC beyond 2016 will be made in the context of future budgets.

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Question No 138

Program: DFAT

Topic: OECD - OECD Peer Review

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

Has the OECD provided the Minister with a progress report following the OECD's 2013 peer review of Australia's aid?

Can the Department provide a copy of the letter/progress report?

Answer

The OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Secretariat released its mid-term review of the Australian aid program on 3 February 2015.

Consistent with practices of past Australian governments and OECD DAC processes, the mid-term review letter was released to DAC members. The next full review of Australia's aid program, scheduled for 2018, will be a public document.

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Question No 139

Program: DFAT

Topic: Australian Volunteers - 35T

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. In the last term of government, AusAID facilitated an annual event where Members of Parliament could thank returned overseas volunteers in their local electorates.**
- **What support was provided by AusAID to Members of Parliament to recognise and thank their constituents who had volunteered overseas in the previous term of government?**
 - **When did this support commence?**
 - **When did this support conclude?**
- B. How has the goal of supporting Members of Parliament in recognising the efforts of returned overseas aid volunteers been tasked and resourced since AusAID's integration into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?**
- C. Can the Department provide a list of returned volunteers on overseas aid projects to local members since AusAID's integration into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?**

Answer

- A. Previously, AusAID provided kits to Members of Parliament which included a letter from the former Minister for Foreign Affairs inviting Members of Parliament to host an event to thank returned volunteers, a draft media release, list of returned volunteers and their contact details for each electorate and basic ceremony hosting procedures. These kits also included Certificates of Appreciation for Members of Parliament to sign and distribute to returned volunteers in their electorate. While Members of Parliament were invited to hold a ceremony in their electorate to distribute the certificate, it was left to the discretion of the Member of Parliament as to whether an event was held. This support commenced in 1998 and concluded in 2013.
- B. Supporting Members of Parliament (MPs) in recognising the efforts of returned volunteers was not a specific goal of either AusAID or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. After AusAID's integration into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, this activity was not tasked or resourced. On 31 July 2015 the Department launched the Returned Australian Volunteers Network (RAVN).

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MPs and Senators were invited to attend each state-based event and participate in recognising the efforts of returned volunteers from their state or electorate. RAVN replaces the requirement for a kit which had been previously implemented on an ad hoc basis by MPs. RAVN provides a platform to recognise returned volunteers consistently and efficiently by the Australian Government.

- C. Permission to provide contact details and information about returned volunteers to Members of Parliament must be specifically sought and received from each returned volunteer. This is in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles. Efficient and consistent options for Members of Parliament to recognise returned volunteers are being explored by DFAT.

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Question No 140

Program: DFAT

Topic: Iraq - chemical and nuclear weapons

Question in Writing

Senator Conroy

Question

- 1. During an address to the Australia Group Plenary on 5 June 2015, Foreign Minister Bishop stated that:**

“The use of chlorine by Da’esh, and its recruitment of highly technically trained professionals, including from the West, have revealed far more serious efforts in chemical weapons development ... Da’esh is likely to have amongst its tens of thousands of recruits the technical expertise necessary to further refine precursor materials and build chemical weapons.”

In subsequent comments to The Australian newspaper (“Jihadis’ quest for dirty bomb”, 9 June 2015), Foreign Minister Bishop is reported as saying that her speech was based on reports from the Defence Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

- a. Is the Department able to confirm reports of the use of chlorine or other chemical agents by Da’esh in Syria and/or Iraq?**
 - i. If so, on what dates and at what locations did this occur? If possible, please also outline the chemical agents thought to have been used.**
 - ii. Have any chemical agents been used in the vicinity of Australian officials in Iraq?**
 - b. Is the Department able to confirm that Da’esh has recruited the technical expertise necessary to further refine precursor materials and build chemical weapons?**
 - i. If so, how many such experts does the Department assess that Da’esh has recruited?**
 - ii. What is the Department’s assessment of Da’esh capacity to effectively build and deploy chemical weapons?**
 - iii. What is the Department’s overall assessment of the threat of Da’esh using chemical weapons?**
- 2. In the same article in The Australian, Foreign Minister Bishop is also reported to have said that Islamic State is believed to have collected radioactive material from hospitals and research centres in Iraq and Syria, raising fears it could build a ‘dirty’ bomb.**
- a. Is the Department able to confirm that Da’esh/Islamic State has successfully collected radioactive materials?**

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- i. If so, where and when are radioactive materials understood to have been collected?**
- ii. What is the Department's assessment of the size and scope of any radioactive material collected by Da'esh?**
- iii. Does the Department assess that this material could be used to construct a 'dirty' bomb?**
- iv. Does the Department assess that Da'esh has the necessary skills to effectively weaponise and deploy radioactive material?**
- v. Does the Department have any evidence of Da'esh currently possessing a 'dirty' bomb or precursor elements for such a bomb?**

Answer

The Department is aware of reports from Iraqi Government and other sources that Da'esh has conducted attacks using toxic industrial chemicals. The Department is also aware that Da'esh has sought to recruit technical expertise across a broad range of subject areas.

There is a generally held concern that Da'esh controls territory where, in the past, radiological materials have been stored. We note unconfirmed reports from Da'esh affiliates claiming to have secured such materials with the intention of constructing a 'dirty' bomb. While these reports cannot be confirmed, they underscore the urgency with which the Australian Government and its allies are working to address threats posed by terrorist groups.

Australia is active in international forums strengthening measures designed to minimise the risk of terrorists acquiring nuclear or radiological weapons (such as the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism and the Nuclear Suppliers Group). And our leadership of the Australia Group helps to strengthen export controls to curb the spread of equipment, materials and knowledge required to make chemical or biological weapons. It is against this background that the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in her address to the Australia Group Plenary on 5 June 2015, highlighted the importance of the work of the Australia Group in combating the threat posed by terrorist groups.

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Question No 141

Program: DFAT

Topic: Budget - Measures - Free Trade Agreement Promotion

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Answer

Question No 141

Program: DFAT, Austrade

Topic: FTAs- Budget Measures – Free Trade Agreement Promotion

Question in Writing

- A. Please provide a detailed break-down of spending and timing on each budgeted free trade agreement promotional activity, including:**
- activities DFAT will undertake at a cost of \$1.2 million in 2015-2016, and \$1.4 million in 2016-2017;
 - activities AusTrade will undertake at a cost of \$13.4 million in 2015-2016, and \$8.2 million in 2016-2017?
- B. In relation to all planned or anticipated television and radio promotional activities, please provide details on decision making, including compliance with the relevant guidelines.**
- C. What promotional activities will DFAT and/or AusTrade undertake regarding current or under negotiation FTAs, other than KAFTA, JAEPA and ChAFTA? Please describe.**
- What are the costs of these other promotional activities and how are they funded?
- D. In relation to the proposed “online dashboard-portal – including a comprehensive tariff finder”, initially for exports to Korea, Japan and China:**
- Please describe the development process?
 - Who was involved in the project design?
 - Who was involved in the contracted data preparation?
 - Has industry been involved?
 - What role will the NICTA have in the development of the portal?
 - When will the development and implementation contract be put out to tender?
 - When is work anticipated to start and finish on this portal?

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- E. How will the Government's new FTA portal differ from existing tariff finder tools on AusTrade's website?**
- How does it compare to the Malaysia-Australia FTA online tool launched on 1 August 2013?
 - And, how does it compare to the ASEAN Tariff Finder?
 - What were the costs associated to establish these tools?
- F. How do exporters currently find the best tariff for their products in the list of Australia's top 10 export destinations?**
- What would be the additional cost to include all top 10 partners in the tariff finder portal (other than Malaysia or the ASEAN countries who have an existing FTA linked tariff finder)?
 - What countries were including in the portal scoping analysis?
 - When will additional FTA partner countries be added to the portal?
- G. Please provide details of the Government's FTA promotional seminars.**
- Where are they to be held;
 - How many DFAT/AusTrade staff have/will attend;
 - What are the key outcomes/objectives of the seminars;
 - How are outcomes assessed/monitored/reported?
 - What are the costs associated with each seminar?
- H. Please describe the Government's on-line FTA promotional activities, including current and planned on-line promotional activities.**
- What is the view-rate of current on-line promotional activities?
 - Are they considered successful? If so, on what basis?
 - How are they tracked?
 - What are the associated costs?
- I. Is key note speaking at trade or other seminars/conferences part of the Department's promotional or other activities? FTD/FOU, Austrade**
- Please list all key note speaking by senior DFAT personnel on trade related aspects in the past 12 months, as well as future scheduled events.
 - How are the engagements arranged?
 - What are the associated costs to the Department of such engagements, including staff preparation and attendance time?
- J. The FTA outreach program is to include "enhanced help-desk support, a grants program and training, in addition to a promotional campaign."**
- Please provide details of the help-desk support, including staffing, costs and location.
 - Please provide details of the grants program and training.

Answer

A. In year one and two, DFAT will develop, deliver and maintain a Free Trade Agreement digital information service (FTA Dashboard). The budget measure includes staff salary and associated on-costs to manage that project and to also deliver help desk and advocacy support on the North Asia FTAs. In year two, DFAT will commission research into FTA utilisation, as part of program evaluation and monitoring. An additional cost of \$0.3 million for these activities will be met from within existing resources, including to fund DFAT participation in the seminar series.

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In year one and two, Austrade will develop and deliver a national seminar series and promotional/advertising campaign to explain the benefits of the FTAs to businesses and consumers; a grants programme to support third parties to deliver FTA outreach activities to their members; support for regional business chambers and trade advisors to help firms take advantage of FTAs; development and deployment of a kit for third parties to deliver their outreach activities, including case study videos showcasing Australian businesses benefitting from the agreements; in-market buyer development activities and investor visits to Australia; and evaluation and monitoring of the effectiveness of FTA outreach activities.

B. In relation to all planned or anticipated television and radio promotional activities, please provide details on decision making, including compliance with the relevant guidelines.

In consultation with DFAT and other stakeholder agencies, Austrade is producing the marketing campaign in accordance with Department of Finance (Communications Advice Branch) regulations. Austrade has engaged (in a non-ongoing capacity) an experienced government advertising specialist to oversee the campaign production process in accordance with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by non-corporate Commonwealth entities, available at <http://www.finance.gov.au/advertising/campaign-advertising/guidelines/>.

In accordance with the guidelines, the campaign is being produced on the basis of comprehensive market research, including exploratory and concept testing, and will be subject to ongoing tracking research to inform media optimisation and ensure effectiveness. This evidence-based approach ensures robust decision making on the basis of expert advice including qualitative and quantitative data, market segmentation and media consumption data, and specialist input. Austrade is working with the whole-of-government media services provider (Dentsu Mitchell) to develop a media strategy and schedule. Procurement will be in line with Austrade Procurement Policies. All campaign development materials will be approved by the relevant Austrade First Assistant Secretary prior to submission for government approvals in accordance with extant regulations.

C. DFAT and Austrade encourage utilisation of all FTAs in the following ways:

- . Provision of detailed FTA information on our websites, including factsheets and user guides to importing and exporting.
- . Maintenance of FTA 'helpdesks' where businesses and members of the public can contact (by phone or email) DFAT FTA experts with specific questions or issues they are facing.
- . DFAT works with other government departments that receive FTA inquiries (Austrade, Department of Industry, Treasury, etc.) to ensure the public receives consistent and accurate advice.
- . DFAT and Austrade officials attend and present at various other events, for example industry conferences, workshops and business council roundtables.
- . DFAT and Austrade undertake promotional activities with government officials and businesses in the markets with which Australia has FTAs.

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DFAT also provides information about, and seeks views on, FTAs under negotiation. As part of the negotiation process, stakeholder views are actively sought and considered, ensuring negotiators can represent the needs and concerns of Australian business. FTAs are referenced on the DFAT website and in various other contexts.

These activities are part of the day-to-day operations for DFAT and Austrade trade divisions and are included within existing divisional budgets.

D.

- i. The development process for the online FTA dashboard has adopted a user-centred design approach, involving consultation with business and industry peak bodies, other government agencies, and small and medium enterprise end users.
- ii. The scoping and design contractor was National ICT Australia. The department, with the contractor, consulted with a wide range of stakeholders, outlined in d) i).
- iii. The data preparation contractor was provided by the Chandler Macleod Group.
- iv. Yes, please see d) i).
- v. NICTA was the scoping and design contractor. A contract for the next stage, development and delivery, has not been awarded.
- vi. The development and delivery Request for Quotation was released on 17 June 2015.
- vii. Work commenced in February 2015 through scoping and design. The project envisages phased delivery, commencing in the second half of 2015.

E.

- i. The FTA dashboard will complement Austrade's existing tariff finders for other free trade agreements, and is designed to be scalable to encompass FTAs beyond China, Japan and Korea in the future. Unlike existing tariff finders, there will be comprehensive rules of origin guidance and informative trade data incorporated in a single, intuitive interface.
- ii. Please see E i).
- iii. Please see E i).
- iv. The Malaysia-Australia FTA online tool cost \$26,483 and the AANZFTA tariff calculator \$10,800.

F.

- i. Exporters are best-placed to advise how they find the best tariff for their goods. There are a range of methods available to exporters to identify the best tariff.
- ii. The Dashboard is designed to be scalable to existing and future agreements. The additional costs are yet to be determined.

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- iii. China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.
- iv. No decision has been taken on when additional FTAs may be added to the Dashboard.

G.

- i. The format for the North Asia FTA seminar series was piloted in the Gold Coast, Queensland and in Bentleigh and Frankston, in Victoria. Seminars have since been held in Queanbeyan (9 April), Adelaide (10 April), Ararat (23 April), Yass (6 May), Rockhampton (18 May), Penrith (10 June) and Central Coast (12 June). Future events are planned for around Australia.
- ii. At each event, generally between one and three DFAT staff attend, and between two and five Austrade/TradeStart staff attend.
- iii. Seminars are focussed on detailing the practical benefits of the North Asia FTAs and how to use the agreements, as well as outlining the range of assistance government agencies can provide to businesses to help them access overseas markets successfully.

A key element of the seminars is to showcase Australian businesses already doing business internationally, and in some cases benefitting from the agreements.

The seminar format is interactive and attendees are able to ask questions and seek advice from exporting businesses, as well as experts from DFAT, Austrade, TradeStart, AusIndustry and Efic, and take home materials provided by these government agencies.

- iv. Seminar attendees are asked to complete a short questionnaire and the results are collated.
- v. Seminars to date have cost between \$3,378 and \$11,302 (inc GST), depending on the size of the audience and proximity to services.

H.

- i. DFAT maintains a series of websites dedicated to all of Australia's FTAs (covering those in force, signed/concluded or under negotiation). This website (www.dfat.gov.au) contains a wide variety of information, user guides and factsheets on Australia's various FTAs, to make these more accessible to business and the community.
- ii. Austrade also maintains information about Australia's FTAs on its website (www.austrade.gov.au) and links to information on the DFAT website where appropriate.

Both agencies also use social media, such as Twitter or LinkedIn, to promote particular FTAs or upcoming FTA-related events.

- iii. DFAT's online promotional FTA materials have received over 134,000 views in the last month (1 June- 30 June 2015); this represents about 10% of the total visits to the DFAT website. Of these views, nearly 63% of these views were to the North Asia FTAs webpages.

Austrade's online promotional FTA materials have received over 25,000 views in the last month (1 June- 30 June 2015), this represents about 5% of

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the total visits to the Austrade website. Of these views, nearly 50% of these views were to the North Asia FTAs webpages.

- iv. DFAT and Austrade believe the FTA-related websites are useful for visitors to the sites, in that they provide a variety of background materials, ready access to the FTA treaty texts and details on how to seek further information and attend related events.
- v. The web traffic to DFAT's FTA-related sites and the Austrade website is periodically reviewed in terms of visitor numbers and time spent on pages.
- vi. For DFAT, these activities are part of the day-to-day operations of DFAT's trade divisions and are included within existing divisional budgets, as it is with Austrade.

I.

- i. Yes
- ii. DFAT and Austrade engage extensively in opportunities to provide speakers for seminars and conferences about trade. However, to detail these individual engagements over the last 12 months would require a disproportionate amount of limited departmental resources.
- iii. Engagements are arranged by the host.
- iv. This question would require a disproportionate amount of limited departmental resources to answer.

J.

- i. Refer to Answer A. DFAT's help desk support is provided by the Departmental team responsible for negotiation or implementation of an FTA. Help desk support is provided over the telephone or via email.

Help desk support will form one part of an area's work task. The help desks are coordination points for providing whole-of-government support to stakeholders and members of the public. Initial contact will take place with the coordination point based in the DFAT Canberra office; but final responses may involve liaison with other trade areas of the department, staff at post and at times other Government agencies.

Staffing and costs for running this service are therefore complex and would require a disproportionate amount of limited departmental resources to quantify.
- ii. Guidelines for the grants programme are currently being prepared. Once they are approved for release by the Minister for Trade and Investment and the Minister for Finance has been notified, the Committee will receive a copy.

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Question No 142

Program: DFAT

Topic: China - Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA)

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. On what date was the official Chinese version of the text approved?**
- B. What were the costs associated with the official ChAFTA signing luncheon and related events on 17 June 2015?**
 - i. Please provide a guest list for the luncheon. Who prepared and approved the guest list?**
- C. What are the Department's costs associated with ChAFTA for the 2014/15 financial year?**
- D. What new committee organisation and participation and other activities will need to be undertaken by the Department during the first year of implementation of ChAFTA. Please detail, including nature of activity, staffing and costs.**
- E. When did the Government commission the CIE report into the three North Asian free trade agreements?**
 - i. What are the costs associated with the commissioning of this study? Please detail.**
 - ii. Was this study subject to tender? If not why not?**
 - iii. Did the CIE have access to the text of ChAFTA? If so, on what date was it provided?**
 - iv. How many drafts of the study were presented to Government?**
 - v. When was the final report presented to Government?**
- F. Please outline the treaty implementation process in China.**
 - i. When is it expected that China will be ready to exchange Diplomatic Notes indicating it is ready for ChAFTA to enter into force?**
- j. What will be the status of the 1988 China-Australia bilateral treaty on investments once ChAFTA comes into force?**
- k. Will there be any benefits to Australian under the MFN provisions in KAFTA that flow from the signing of the Korea-China FTA? Please describe.**
- l. Will be there any benefits to China under the MFN provisions in KAFTA that flow from the signing of the Korea-China FTA? Please describe.**
- m. If ChAFTA comes into force prior to the Korea-China FTA, will there be an MFN impacts? If so, please describe.**

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Answer

- A. Work on the official Chinese text was completed on 15 June 2015.
- B. Costs: The approximate cost for the signing event was \$40,000 (inc GST).
- i) Guest list – see end of question. The list of was prepared in consultation with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Chinese Embassy and the responsible areas within DFAT.

C. Answering this with precision would require disproportionate effort.

- D. ChAFTA establishes a FTA Joint Commission (Article 14.1) and subsidiary committees, including through Articles 2.15 (Trade in Goods), 5.11 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures), 6.13 (Technical Barriers to Trade), 8.20 (Trade in Services), Annex 8-B.7 (Financial Services), Article 9.7 (Investment), 10.6 (Movement of Natural Persons) and 11.24 (Intellectual Property).

In relation to the first year of implementation, Article 14.2.2 obliges the Joint Commission to convene once per year, and Article 2.15.4 requires the Committee on Trade in Goods to submit an initial progress report on its work on non-tariff measures within one year of entry into force.

Detailed planning for post-entry into force activities will be undertaken closer to entry into force.

- E. DFAT commissioned the Centre for International Economics (CIE) to conduct combined economic modelling of the three North Asia FTAs on 19 February 2015.
- i. The cost of the contract was \$79,420 including GST.
- ii. Consistent with departmental and Commonwealth procurement rules, competitive quotes were sought from panel providers listed on the Department of Communications Standing Offer SON1143842, which DFAT was approved to access.
- iii. CIE did not have access to the text of ChAFTA. However, DFAT provided CIE the ChAFTA tariff schedules on 26 February 2015 on a confidential basis to enable simulation of the goods liberalisation outcomes under ChAFTA.
- iv. A final report was delivered to the Government on 12 June 2015.
- v. See previous answer.

F. Please refer QoN 101(5) from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014.

- i. The Constitution does not specify a timetable for these steps.

G. The 1988 bilateral investment treaty on the reciprocal encouragement and protection of investments will remain in force.

H. If the Korea-China FTA provides more favourable terms for China than Korea has provided to Australia in areas covered by the MFN provisions in KAFTA, Australia will be able to receive the same treatment as that provided to China in those areas.

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[Note: answering this with precision would require detailed analysis of the text of both treaties – disproportionate effort.]

I. No.

J. If the Korea-China FTA enters into force after ChAFTA and contains more favourable terms for Korea than China has provided to Australia in areas covered by the MFN provisions in ChAFTA, Australia will be able to receive the same treatment as that provided to Korea in those areas.

[Note: as with H), disproportionate effort would be required to answer this with precision.]

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Dr Gao Hucheng	1
Official Party	17
Prime Minister	1
Diplomatic Corps	1
Ministry	5
Leader of the Opposition	1
Members and Senators	5
Departmental Secretaries	2
Embassy	21
Australian Ambassador	1
Ambassador's Nominees	6
Prime Minister's Office	3
Ministers' Staff	4
Leader of the Opposition Staff	1
*Others	167

*Includes a mix of Australian and Chinese Business leaders, representatives of organisations, Commonwealth and State departmental officials, former ambassadors, non-working media, as well as staff attending to support the event.

TOTAL

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Question No 143

Program: DFAT

Topic: Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement - (CECA)

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- a. **Please provide a status update on negotiations between Australia and India on the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement.**
- b. **The eighth round of negotiations is expected to be held in June/July 2015.**
 - **What is the actual date and place of these negotiations?**
 - **Who will attend on behalf of Australia?**
- c. **Please provide a summary of the submissions received to date by DFAT in relation to this agreement.**
- d. **Will the negotiations be completed by the end of 2015? What date are the parties working towards?**
- e. **In answer to Question on Notice No.109 from the Additional Estimates 2015, DFAT advises that the “key areas of interest and sensitivity include labour mobility, investment and FIRB thresholds.”**
 - i) **Please elaborate on each of these areas.**
 - **ii) What type of labour mobility is India seeking?**
 - **iii) Will Australia reserve policy space for labour market testing? If not, why not?**
 - **iv) Is Australia proposing similar investment and FIRB thresholds as it recently committed to with China, Japan and Korea? If not, please explain.**

Answer

A) Negotiations to conclude a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between Australia and India were launched in May 2011. There have been eight rounds of negotiations, the most recent of which was held in July 2015, in New Delhi. Negotiations have intensified as both sides are striving to achieve the aim of concluding negotiations by the end of 2015. Trade and Investment Minister Robb met his counterpart, Indian Commerce Minister Sitharaman, in April and June 2015. An intersessional meeting on investment was held in May and a services intersessional meeting was held in New Delhi in late June.

B) The eighth Round of negotiations was held on 1-3 July, in New Delhi.

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DFAT led an inter-agency negotiating team which also included representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Industry, Education, Communications, Treasury, Immigration and Attorney-General's.

C) DFAT has received 96 submissions on the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). Not all entities that have made submissions have agreed to make the submission public. Of the submissions received to date, 34 are currently available for public access on DFAT's website. Submissions have been received from private companies and persons, government bodies, industry associations and other interest groups. The submissions deal with a range of sectoral interests in services, investment and goods (including agricultural goods). A link to the submissions available on DFAT's website is below:

<http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/aifta/Pages/australia-india-comprehensive-economic-cooperation-agreement.aspx#submissions>

D) Prime Minister Abbott and Indian Prime Minister Modi have agreed to aim for completion of negotiations by the end of 2015. Negotiators on both sides are working towards this goal.

E)

i) These areas are sensitive in all of Australia's trade negotiations. They remain strong interests in the CECA negotiations for India. In order not to prejudice outcomes, we are unable to comment on issues currently under negotiation.

ii) India has flagged strong interests in ambitious outcomes including with respect to enhanced recognition of services and professional qualifications.

iii) In order not to prejudice outcomes, we are unable to comment on issues currently under negotiation.

iv) In order not to prejudice outcomes, we are unable to comment on issues currently under negotiation.

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Question No 144

Program: DFAT

Topic: Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A) Has any progress been made on this Agreement since the small group official discussion in November 2014? If so, please describe.*
- B) Has progress on this agreement been affect by developments in diplomatic relations between the two countries this year? Please explain.*

Answer

- A) This work is ongoing.
- B) No.

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Question No 145

Program: DFAT

Topic: Free Trade Agreements - Australian Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. What is the status of negotiations on this agreement?**
- B. When did the Government determine to prioritise the negotiations on this FTA?**
- C. In relation to Minister Robb's visit to the Gulf States from 11-16 April:**
- i) Who from Australia accompanied the Minister?**
 - ii) What were the key outcomes?**
 - iii) When will FTA negotiations recommence?**
 - iv) What were the costs of this trip?**
- D. Are there any planned upcoming discussions or meetings concerning the FTA negotiations? If so, please describe where, when and who will attend.**
- E. What type of investment arrangement or agreement is the Government proposing or considering with various Gulf States? Please describe.**
- F. In DFAT's first Business Envoy publication (May 2015), there is an article entitled "What is Islamic Finance?", which states that "Australia is well positioned to meet this growing demand by offering suitable Islamic finance investments."**
- i) What is Australia's policy on Islamic finance?**
 - ii) What type of investments would Australia consider offering? Or what investments in Australia would be suitable for Islamic finance?**
- Please outline the legal framework for Islamic finance.**

Answer

A) In March 2014, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers approved conditional resumption of FTA negotiations, almost five years after the GCC suspended negotiations with all its partners, including Australia. The GCC has not announced when or with which countries it will resume negotiations.

B) The Government has always been committed to the resumption of FTA negotiations with the GCC.

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C)

i) Mr Robb was accompanied by members of his office and representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Austrade. Mr Robb also led a business delegation from Australia

ii) Mr Robb promoted the expansion of bilateral trade and investment relationships through ministerial meetings with Emirati, Saudi, Kuwaiti and Qatari counterparts and representatives of sovereign wealth funds. Mr Robb participated in Austrade's 'Australia Unlimited Middle East North Africa' campaign including engagements with Australian businesses and alumni. Mr Robb held a number of media interviews and events which generated wide coverage. The visit also helped push for priority resumption of Australia-GCC FTA negotiations.

iii) The GCC has not announced when or with which countries it will resume negotiations.

iv) Costs and details for Ms Robb's travel are available from DoF, which is responsible for the cost of airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals, ground transport, non-portfolio-related hospitality and miscellaneous incidentals for Ministers and their staff. As at 2 July 2014, the last report on Ministerial Entitlements provided by the Department of Finance covered the period 1 January to 30 June 2014. The approximate travel costs for the DFAT and Austrade officials were \$40,000. Each of the business delegates met their own travel, accommodation and incidental costs.

D) No.

E) The Australian Government is focused on obtaining a start date for resuming negotiations. The approach to investment negotiations in the GCC FTA will be discussed with GCC Member States upon resumption of negotiations.

F)

i) Treasury advises that currently there is no particular policy or special legal framework in Australia associated with Islamic financial products.

ii) A limited range of Islamic finance products are offered in Australia and are subject to the same policy and regulatory framework that applies to all forms of finance.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No 146

Program: DFAT

Topic: Free Trade Agreements - Other FTAs

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. *Has the Government or the Department had any meetings or made any progress on a potential FTA with EU? If so please detail.***
- B. *Is the Government considering the feasibility or commencing negotiations on a free trade agreement, economic partnership (or the like) with any other country? If so, please detail.***

Answer

- C.** Foreign Minister Bishop and Parliamentary Secretary for Trade and Investment Ciobo have met EU Trade Commissioner Malmström with whom they discussed regional and global trade issues including the Government's interest in an FTA with the EU. The Department has undertaken informal discussions with EU officials, focused on exchanging information about our approach to FTAs and our respective domestic procedures. These discussions are ongoing.
- D.** This is a question for the Government.

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Question No 147

Program: DFAT

Topic: Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement - TPP

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

A. What is the current status of negotiations on the TPP?

B. What was the outcome of the most recent Chief Negotiator's meetings held in Guam in May?

- Who attended on behalf of Australia?

- What were the Department's costs relating to this meeting?

C. How many remaining chapters are yet to be closed? What are they?

D. In relation to the list of closed chapters provided by DFAT in answer to Question on Notice no.112(1) from Additional Estimates please provide an overview of the objectives, purpose and impact of these chapters; especially chapters headed "Development", and "Temporary Entry".

E. What is the Government or DFAT doing to promote the benefits of the TPP?

F. Please provide details of the benefits to Australia of a concluded TPP, including benefits to the economy and jobs?

G. Please provide details of the disadvantages to Australia of a concluded TPP, including disadvantages to the economy and jobs, and any trade distortion effects?

H. Please provide details of the opportunities and risks to Australia of entering the TPP?

I. Please provide details of the opportunities and risks to Australia of not being a member of any concluded TPP?

J. What communications strategy and initiatives does DFAT have for explaining and responding to concerns about TPP?

K. Are there any communications staff employed in DFAT's trade divisions or its office of Trade negotiations? If so, how many and what are their roles?

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L. What market access outcomes have been achieved for Australia's sugar industry under the TPP? Please describe.

M. What market access outcomes have been achieved for Australia's rice industry under the TPP? Please describe

N. What sectors are excluded from improved market access under the TPP. Please describe and explain.

O. Has Australia agreed to the inclusion of ISDS provisions in the TPP? If yes:

- Why?

- Do the provisions apply between Australia and existing FTA partners that do not have ISDS provisions, such as Australia and the US, NZ or Japan?

- Is the ISDS provision similar to those provisions included in KAFTA or ChAFTA? If not, what model was used? What are the differences?

- Does Australia have special non-conforming (exclusion) measures from the application of the Investment Chapter? If not, why not. If so, please list. Are there other categories that require exclusion, such as labour and environmental measures (changes to the EPA)?

P. Would an ISDS provision in the TPP activate the ISDS reconsideration review trigger in JAEPA?

- If Australia does not have an ISDS mechanism with some TPP members under separate bilateral agreements, but there is an applicable ISDS provision in the TPP, what applies? That is, will the ISDS provision in the TPP override and be applicable between say Australia and Japan or Australia and NZ or Australia and USA?

- If there is an ISDS provision in the TPP and two member countries have an ISDS provision in a separate bilateral, but the language is different, which one applies?

Q. Please provide an update on the Department's costs incurred relating to the TPP negotiations.

R. How many DFAT personnel are working on the TPP, broken down on a full time or part time basis?

S. Has there been any change of personnel working on the TPP over the past year? If so, please detail.

T. Are any staff with communications experience working on the TPP?

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Answer

A. Significant progress has been achieved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement negotiations, including at the last meeting, which took place in Guam from 15-28 May 2015. Negotiations have built up good momentum and are close to conclusion. At this stage, TPP countries have made no final decisions on the timing and location of future meetings.

B. At the TPP meeting in Guam, Chief Negotiators further narrowed the outstanding issues between the Parties and progressed the market access negotiations.

Australia's Chief Negotiator, Deputy Chief Negotiator, lead negotiators from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and officers from other relevant agencies attended the Guam meeting.

As at 26 June 2015, the Department has spent \$201,891.72 in relation to the Guam meeting.

C. There are 20 TPP Chapters yet to be closed. They are: Initial Provisions and General Definitions, Trade in Goods, Textiles and Apparel, Rules of Origin, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Technical Barriers to Trade, Trade Remedies, Investment, Financial Services, Electronic Commerce, Government Procurement, Competition Policy, State-owned Enterprises, Intellectual Property, Labour, Environment, Transparency and Anticorruption, Administrative and Institutional Provisions, Dispute Settlement, Exceptions, Final Provisions.

D. The **Competitiveness and Business Facilitation Chapter** focuses on improving competitiveness and the ease of doing business in the TPP region, including by strengthening supply chains (also known as 'global value chains') in TPP Parties.

In the **Development Chapter**, TPP Parties affirm their commitment to promoting open trade and investment and recognise the contribution that trade and investment makes to economic development and prosperity.

The **Temporary Entry for Business Persons Chapter** relates to government measures that affect temporary entry of business persons of a Party into the territory of another Party. This Chapter does not apply to measures affecting natural persons seeking access to the employment market of another Party or measures regarding citizenship, nationality, residence or employment on a permanent basis.

In the **Cooperation and Capacity Building Chapter**, TPP Parties acknowledge the importance of cooperation and capacity building between Parties in implementing and enhancing the benefits of the Agreement.

The **Cross-Border Trade in Services Chapter** establishes rules for the supply of services between TPP countries, including obligations which require TPP countries to treat foreign service providers no less favorably than domestic service providers in like circumstances.

The **Regulatory Coherence Chapter** encourages good regulatory practices among TPP Parties. Greater adherence to good regulatory practices will result in improved the business environments and contribute to maximising the potential gains from the Agreement.

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The **Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation Chapter** aims to ensure TPP Parties' customs procedures are applied in a predictable, transparent and consistent manner.

The **Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Chapter** aims to promote the growth and development of SMEs in TPP Parties.

The **Telecommunications Chapter** relates to government measures regulating trade in telecommunications services between TPP Parties.

E. The Government and DFAT are actively promoting the benefits of the TPP, including in consultations with stakeholders, responses to correspondence and by providing updates on the TPP on DFAT's website. The Minister for Trade and Investment has also conducted numerous media interviews with respect to the TPP.

F. DFAT anticipates that the TPP will facilitate increased trade and investment, help secure the ongoing competitiveness of Australian businesses in international markets, and support economic and jobs growth in Australia. As a region-wide free trade agreement, we expect the TPP will present significant opportunities for Australia. These include:

- important new market access opportunities for Australian goods, services and investment;
- benefits for Australian consumers, for example, by providing an avenue to access cheaper goods and services, including those resulting from a TPP preferential supply chain, and rules that require governments to protect consumers in the real and online environments; and
- economy-wide benefits as a result of addressing, for the first time in an FTA, various contemporary trade and investment issues challenges.

G. DFAT does not anticipate disadvantages to the economy or jobs as a result of the TPP.

H. The TPP negotiations provide an important opportunity for Australia to be involved in shaping the rules that will govern trade in our region.

I. If Australia was not a member of a concluded TPP Agreement, it would not, for example, benefit from the competitive liberalising market access outcomes contained therein.

J. See response to E. DFAT actively promotes the benefits of the TPP with stakeholders and the public, and responds to concerns expressed about the TPP.

K. DFAT has a number of staff in different divisions, including trade related divisions, working on trade-related communications issues. The exact number and roles are difficult to quantify or define as they do not work exclusively on such issues.

L. Australia is continuing to negotiate outcomes in the TPP. DFAT's expectation is that Australia will achieve new market access across the region.

M. See response to L.

N. All sectors are subject to negotiations in the TPP. While some TPP Parties will be seeking to protect their sensitive sectors, DFAT's expectation is that no sector will be excluded from improved market access under the TPP.

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O. No.

P. Yes.

Any ISDS mechanism in the TPP could only be utilised with respect to the TPP Agreement and would not apply to any other existing trade agreement.

The ISDS provisions of the agreement under which an ISDS claim is brought will apply to that claim.

Q. This financial year (FY2014-15), \$1,633,578.25 has been spent on TPP travel and related expenses for DFAT negotiators (as at 26 June 2015). This includes airfares, accommodation, travel allowances, transport, mobile phone calls, printing, conference venue hire and public engagement events.

R. DFAT has 17 full time employees working on the TPP.

S. Yes. There have been changes to the personnel working on the TPP over the past year, including due to staff going on leave and postings.

T. Yes. DFAT has a number of staff with communications experience, and they work on TPP-related issues as required.

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Question No 148

Program: DFAT

Topic: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership - Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

A. Please provide a status update on the negotiations on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement.

B. The 6th RCEP negotiation round was held in India in December 2014. When and where are the next negotiation rounds, including any subgroup rounds?

- Who will attend these meetings on behalf of Australia?

C. Are the parties still working towards completing RCEP by the end of 2015?

- If yes, how realistic is this goal?

D. Both India and Australia are members of RCEP. Does it make sense to negotiate a separate bilateral FTA between these two countries, which FTA has the same negotiation conclusion timeframe (ie, the end of this year)?

- If there are any inconsistencies between the resulting FTAs, which one will prevail?

Answer

A. The DFAT website provides an update on the eighth round of negotiations (Kyoto, Japan, 5-13 June) <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/rcep/pages/regional-comprehensive-economic-partnership.aspx#news>

B. Following the 6th Round of RCEP negotiations in India, the following meetings have been held:

- the 7th Round of negotiations was held in Bangkok, Thailand (9-13 February), and was attended by a delegation comprising officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission, the

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Department of Agriculture, IP Australia, the Department of Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Industry and Science;

- . an intersessional meeting of the RCEP Trade Negotiations Committee, Working Group on Trade in Goods and the Working Group on Trade in Services was held in Jakarta, Indonesia (1-2 April), and was attended by a delegation of officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and
- . the 8th Round of negotiations was held in Kyoto, Japan (5-13 June), and was and was attended by a delegation comprising officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission, the Department of Agriculture, IP Australia, the Department of Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Industry and Science.

An intersessional Ministerial Meeting will be held in Malaysia (13 July), and will be led by the Minister for Trade and Investment.

The ninth round of negotiations will be held in Burma (3-7 August) and comprise a multi-agency delegation of officials

C. All parties are cognisant of the end-2015 deadline and are working towards it.

- a) RCEP Ministers are likely to take stock of progress during their annual meeting in August 2015.

D. The Australian Government is using all appropriate forums to support greater integration of the Australian and Indian economies.

- a) The provisions relating to the resolution of treaty inconsistencies of both RCEP and IA-CECA are still under negotiation.

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Question No 149

Program: DFAT

Topic: APEC - Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific concept (under APEC)

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

A. At the APEC Trade Ministers meeting in Boracay Islands Philippines on 23-24 May 2015, what progress was made on the “Collective Strategic Study” that will be used to crystallise the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific?

- ***Please provide an overview of this Study.***
- ***Who is undertaking the study?***
- ***Who from Australia is participating?***
- ***The study is due by end of 2016. Will drafts and updates on study be released before then?***

B. How many DFAT personnel are working on this FTAAP concept?

C. What is DFAT’s outlook for this FTAAP? Where does it fit in the priority list? Is it true that this FTAAP is taking a significant back seat to the TPP and because of the contest between the US and China for markets and leadership in Asia, as Joshua Meltzer predicts: “we should not expect an FTAAP anytime soon, despite its clear economic benefits”? [Dr. Joshua Meltzer, Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institute, “From the Trans-Pacific Partnership to a free trade agreement of the Asia-Pacific?” 7 May 2015.]

Answer

A. APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade agreed on the Terms of Reference for the Collective Strategic Study on Issues Related to the Realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) at their meeting at Boracay, Philippines on 22-23 May 2015. The Study will serve as a means to inform economies of how they can participate in the realisation of the FTAAP. The Study reflects the agreement by APEC Leaders that the FTAAP should be comprehensive, high quality and incorporate and address ‘next generation’ trade and investment issues. It does

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not constitute a commitment by APEC economies to enter negotiations in any regional undertaking as economies will pursue FTAAP outside APEC and parallel to the APEC process.

A Task Force comprising all APEC member economies will undertake the Study. A first draft will be completed by January 2016 and a final version will be submitted to APEC Senior Officials, Ministers and Leaders for consideration and endorsement by the end of 2016.

Officials from DFAT will coordinate Australia's contribution to the Study.

Drafts of the Study will be working documents and not publicly available.

- B. DFAT will manage the resources required to coordinate Australia's contribution to the Study in line with the Department's responsibility to coordinate Australia's interests in APEC.
- C. The FTAAP is a long term prospect which would build on ongoing regional undertakings such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations. In November 2014, APEC Leaders called for greater efforts to conclude the possible pathways to the FTAAP, including the TPP and RCEP.

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Question No 150

Program: DFAT

Topic: PACER Plus - Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Please provide a status update on this agreement, including the number of closed chapters, open chapters and sensitive areas.**
- B. It is also reported that "the unwillingness of Australia and New Zealand to agree to include opportunities for seasonal workers in the deal has caused friction".**
 - a. Can DFAT explain this 'friction' and the difference between negotiating parties? What is Australia's position?**
 - b. Can you describe the current Pacific Seasonal Worker Program and any changes being considered under PACER Plus?**
 - c. Is there equality of treatment amongst nations in terms of Australia's current seasonal work visas? If not, who has preference and why?**
 - d. Did Australia recently make additional concessions under ChAFTA for working holiday visas? Is the same of similar concession being considered for Pacific Islander countries?**
 - e. What level of workers' safeguards and regulation will apply to any seasonal worker program under PACER-Plus?**
 - f. What compliance and monitoring will be in place?**
- C. Is there any reason the draft text cannot be released?**
- D. Has DFAT undertaken an economic impact assessment? If so, please provide. If not, why not?**
- E. What would be the key economic outcomes for Australia from this regional agreement?**
- F. Will the agreement support and create jobs in all member countries?**
- G. When is the next negotiation round? Where will it be held and who will attend for Australia?**
- H. Are the parties working towards concluding the agreement by the middle of this year? If not, when?**
- I. Is it feasible that the agreement could come into effect in 2016?**
- J. What are DFAT's costs associated with negotiation of this agreement?**

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Answer

- A. Seven (7) chapters of legal text are finalised. Negotiating parties are well-advanced in their pursuit of convergence on a remaining eight (8) chapters.
- B. (a) Pacific Forum Island Countries have indicated that labour mobility and development assistance are their key interests in the PACER Plus negotiations. In response to their interest in labour mobility, Australia is supporting a strengthening of labour mobility cooperation between Australia, New Zealand and the 14 Pacific Island Countries negotiating the PACER Plus Agreement.
- (b) The Government recently announced important reforms to the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) as part of the Developing Northern Australia White Paper. These reforms include removing the annual cap on Programme places, expanding the SWP to the broader agriculture industry and making the accommodation sector part of the Programme on an ongoing basis. As the lead agency for the SWP, the Department of Employment should be consulted for further information. Australia does not consider that the SWP should be part of the trade treaty being negotiated.
- (c) Visas for the SWP are allocated under the Special Program visa (subclass 416). Nine (9) Pacific Forum Island Countries (PICs) (Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) and Timor-Leste are participating in the SWP. Eligibility is restricted to these countries in recognition of their exceptional development circumstances, including distance from major markets and small populations. The recently announced reforms (described in answer to question 2(b) above) will open the door for more PICs to participate in the SWP. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection should be consulted for more detailed information regarding visas.
- (d) ChAFTA does not contain concessions on working holiday visas for China. Australia and China agreed a separate MOU on a Work and Holiday Arrangement (WHA) under which Australia will grant visas for up to 5,000 Chinese work and holiday makers annually. A WHA is not being considered in the PACER Plus negotiations and Australia would not consider that any such visa arrangements should be part of the trade treaty being negotiated.
- (e) The Department of Employment should be consulted for information regarding workers' safeguards and regulations under the SWP. The SWP is already in operation and these matters are not subject to the provisions of the trade treaty being negotiated.
- (f) The Department of Employment should be consulted for information on these matters. The SWP is already in operation and these matters are not subject to the provisions of the trade treaty being negotiated.
- C. Yes. Negotiations between valued regional partners need to be conducted in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect. Therefore the draft texts will not be released.
- D. No. Australia's key objective in the PACER Plus negotiations is to implement a regional trade agreement that improves the economic growth prospects of the Pacific Forum Island Countries and fosters greater regional economic integration and stability. In 2006, the Government funded a study on a possible

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PACER Plus Agreement by the Institute for International Trade entitled 'Research Study on the Benefits, Challenges and Ways Forward for PACER Plus'.

- E. Australia's key objective in the PACER Plus negotiations is to implement a regional trade agreement that improves the economic growth prospects of the Pacific Forum Island Countries and fosters greater regional economic integration and stability. As part of the mutual benefits and opportunities for all parties, Australia is also negotiating for outcomes that allow Australian traders, service providers and investors greater market access and legal certainty to expand their business with the region over the longer term and that safeguard Australia's market access to the Pacific.
- F. Yes. Outcomes that benefit the Pacific Forum Island Countries would contribute to long term job creation in all parties, particularly the Pacific Forum Island Countries.
- G. The next round is scheduled to be held in Apia, Samoa from 4 to 7 August 2015. Arrangements for the round are under discussion and delegation details are not finalised.
- H. There is no fixed timeframe. The negotiating parties are working towards the finalisation of legal text this year and of market access outcomes in 2016.
- I. Dates of entry into force of agreements are hard to predict. Entry into force follows completion of the negotiations and signature and acceptance of the treaty.
- J. DFAT has committed approximately \$14 million in aid funding to support the Pacific Forum Island Countries in negotiating the PACER Plus Agreement from 2007-16. The Department spent \$75,279.94 in travel expenses for the teams of Australian officials negotiating the PACER Plus Agreement in 2014-15.

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Question No 151

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO - WTO Doha Round

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. *What is the status of development of the post-Bali work programme?***
- B. *Will the programme be agreed by 31 July 2015?***
- C. *Please provide a draft of the program.***
- D. *Who will be attending the Nairobi Ministerial in December 2015?***
 - i. *Is there an agenda or work program for these meetings? If so, please describe.***
 - ii. *What preparatory work is DFAT undertaking towards this Ministerial?***
- E. *A new report by the Peterson Institute for International Economics entitled "Drift to Deals: advancing the WTO agenda" was launched on the margins of the OECD Forum in Paris on 2 June 2015.***
 - i. *Has the Department received this report? If not, will the Department review and consider this report?***
 - ii. *The report outlines a "Grand Bargain" plan in order to restore the WTO as a central negotiating forum. Amongst many other things, it includes a call for advanced countries to make serious concessions on agriculture, including duty free, quota-free market access to Least Developed Countries. Have advanced countries such as US, Japan, Australia and NZ moved towards this direction in the TPP, or other regional negotiations?***
 - iii. *The report also calls for WTO constitutional changes – such as developing countries to agree that new plurilateral agreements can be added to the WTO framework without the unanimous consent of all 161 WTO members, and even without three quarters majority approval. Have such constitutional changes been proposed previously? Does Australia have an approach or leadership role on constitutional change that could enhance the productivity of the WTO? If so, please describe.***

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Answer

- A. Work is continuing on negotiation of the post-Bali work program.
- B. It is unclear at this stage if agreement will be reached, but achieving consensus will require the bridging of significant differences in positions.
- C. There is no draft post-Bali work program available at this stage.
- D. We anticipate the Australian delegation being led by the Trade and Investment Minister.
 - i. No.
 - ii. Officials continue to engage with other WTO Members in a range of formats. On 4 June 2015 Parliamentary Secretary Ciobo co-chaired with Kenyan Trade Minister, Amina Mohamed, an informal gathering of trade ministers in the margins of the OECD's Ministerial Council Meeting to discuss the status of the Doha negotiation.
- E.
 - i. Yes.
 - ii. Australia actively supports greater market access for LDCs. On 1 July 2003, Australia unilaterally removed duties and quotas on all imports originating in LDCs and Timor Leste. This action constituted non-reciprocal, preferential treatment of LDCs and Timor Leste for all tariff lines. By 2009, most developed countries had reached or exceeded the 97 per cent coverage target. India and China had voluntarily provided duty free access for 94 per cent of tariff lines.
 - iii. There have been no formal proposals in the WTO on changes to the institutional or decision-making processes of the organisation.

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Question No 152

Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. In answer to Question on Notice no.120 from Additional Estimates 2015, DFAT advised that TPP and TiSA will be “complementary and consistent”.**
- **Will the text be the same in relation to Services? If not, how will inconsistencies be resolved? Which document would apply?**
- B. Please provide a status update on this Agreement, including progress and sensitive issues.**
- C. Australia will chair the 11th round of TiSA in Geneva from 6-10 July 2015.**
- **Who will attend the next for Australia?**
 - **What specific area and type of progress will Australian be seeking to progress at this round as chair?**
- D. What is the status of the Department’s public consultations on this agreement?**
- **Who has been consulted to date?**
 - **How many submissions have been received?**
 - **What is the nature of these submissions?**
 - **Are there more submissions in support or opposition to this agreement?**
- E. Please outline how a concluded TiSA will affect Australian jobs, businesses and community?**
- F. Would a concluded TiSA prevent or inhibit an Australian government from directly delivering any public services or providing certain services through public control?**
- G. Could issues proposed for the agreement impose a permanent restriction of the ability of future Australian governments to regulate Australian worker safety, Australian consumer protections or the protection of the Australian natural environment? If so, please explain.**
- H. What are the Department’s costs associated with negotiations of this agreement for the 2014-2015 financial year?**

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I. Is there a concluding date negotiators are working towards for this agreement?

Answer

- A. The final texts of the TPP and Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) are not yet agreed. However, in substance, the agreements will be complementary and consistent. Any final differences in text will not prevent Australia from complying with its respective TiSA and TPP obligations.
- B. Formal negotiations on the TiSA commenced in April 2013. The addition of Uruguay in February 2015 brought the number of participating countries to 24, collectively accounting for around 70 per cent of global trade in services. Good progress has been made in the negotiations to date.

An update on the latest negotiation rounds can be found at: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/trade-in-services-agreement/Pages/trade-in-services-agreement.aspx>. Australia will chair the twelfth round of negotiations from 6-10 July 2015.

- C. The Australian delegation to the twelfth round of TiSA negotiations from 6-10 July 2015 will be led by Australia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Hamish McCormick. The delegation will consist of DFAT officials from Canberra and Geneva.

Australia will chair discussions on financial services, domestic regulation, telecommunications, e-commerce, transport services, temporary entry and the core text of the Agreement. Australia will also chair a "stocktake" discussion in which Parties will assess overall progress to date and define the next steps in the negotiation.

- D. Public consultations on the TiSA are ongoing. In 2015 the Government has held public consultations covering the TiSA in Sydney (11 March), Brisbane (12 March) and Melbourne (17 March). In 2014 public consultations were conducted in Melbourne (18 March), Sydney (20 March), Perth (29 May), Adelaide (30 May) and Canberra (12 June). In 2013 public consultations were held in Canberra (17 June), Sydney (16 July) and Melbourne (19 July).

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has received 13 submissions from Australian stakeholders on the TiSA to date. These cover a range of topics, reflecting the interests of Australia stakeholders. All submissions have been made publicly available on the DFAT website unless the author has specified otherwise. Public submissions can be found at: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/trade-in-services-agreement/Pages/trade-in-services-agreement.aspx>.

- E. Australia has a strong interest in progressing services trade reform. The services sector accounts for around 70 per cent of Australia's economic activity, employs four out of five Australians and accounts for around 17 per cent of Australia's total exports.

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Australia's objective in the negotiations is to leverage Australia's already open markets to secure access in areas of export strength including financial services, professional services, education services, telecommunications and electronic commerce. Australia is also seeking stronger commitments in areas where Australian business are developing a strong export focus, such as mining and energy services, construction and environmental services.

- F. No.
- G. No. The TiSA will not prevent Government regulating in the public interest.
- H. Participation in TiSA negotiations for the 2014-15 financial year cost the Department \$257,664.
- I. Australia is seeking the conclusion of an ambitious TiSA agreement in a reasonable timeframe. We are encouraging other Parties to the negotiations to work towards 2016 as a timeframe for conclusion.

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Question No 153

Program: DFAT

Topic: Agreement on Environmental Goods negotiations - Agreement on Environmental Goods

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Please provide a status update on negotiations on the Agreement on Environmental Goods.***
- B. When and where are the next rounds of negotiations? Who will attend for Australia?***
- C. What is the estimated economic, environmental and social impact for Australia of this agreement?***
- D. What are the Department's costs associated with negotiations of this agreement for the 2014-2015 financial year?***

Answer

- A. An update on the negotiations for the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) can be found at: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/environmental-goods-agreement/Pages/Environmental-goods-agreement.aspx>.
- B. All negotiating rounds for the EGA are held at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, with future rounds expected to be scheduled before the end of 2015.

Official attendance has varied depending on the focus of each negotiating round. Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Industry and Science, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Department of the Environment and the Permanent Mission to the WTO, contribute to the EGA negotiations.
- C. It is too early to provide such estimates. Australia, along with the US, EU, China, Japan and the other 12 countries participating, are aiming to support the uptake of environmental goods globally. Australia is focused on increasing market access for Australian exports of environmental goods and reducing costs for users of imported environmental goods covered by the EGA; as well as incentivising innovation and investment in cutting-edge Australian environment industries.

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- D. In FY2014-15, as at 29 June, \$151,851.65 had been spent on DFAT's direct participation in the negotiations and related domestic consultations. This includes airfares, accommodation, transport and travel allowances for officers. The Department's costs associated with the staff resources for the EGA negotiations were undertaken within existing departmental resources.

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Question No 154

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO - Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

A. Please describe the process for Australia to now accede to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA).

- ***What is the time frame?***
- ***Will there be any required implementing legislation? If so, please describe.***

B. Which other WTO member countries have, or are expect to, accede to the GPA? Please detail, including dates.

C. In relation to the Government's call for submissions on the GPA, which closed on 30 January 2015.

- ***How many submissions were received?***
- ***Who made submissions?***
- ***What issues were raised?***
- ***When will the submissions be available on DFAT's website?***

Answer

A. There is no set time frame for the negotiations. Australia will submit a market access offer and a checklist of existing policies and regulations concerning government procurement to the GPA membership. At this stage, it is envisaged that no implementing legislation will be required.

B. New Zealand and Montenegro have recently concluded accession negotiations. China, Georgia, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Tajikistan and Ukraine are engaged in GPA accession negotiations.

C. Information concerning submissions received and consultation processes are available on the DFAT website.

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Question No 155

Program: DFAT

Topic: APEC - APEC meetings

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Who attended the APEC Trade Ministers meeting in Borary Philippines in May 2015?***
- B. Who attended the Business Delegation prior to the APEC meetings with Minister Robb? How were these business representatives invited?***
- C. What were the Department's costs of the APEC meeting and the Business Delegation?***
- D. What were the key outcomes of the meetings for Australia?***

Answer

- A. Minister for Trade and Investment, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP, represented Australia at the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) meeting in Boracay, Philippines, in May 2015.

Fifteen DFAT officers (both from Canberra and Manila Post) either attended the meeting or were present in support roles.

- B. One representative from each of the following 11 companies attended the business delegation with Minister Robb in Manila: Coffey; Crone Partners; DLA Piper; Downer EDI; GHD; Indra Australia; McConnell Dowell Philippines; Point Project Management; SMEC International; The Ambidji Group; and Transfield Worley Power Services.

Business representatives received a written invitation from Minister Robb.

- C. The cost of the APEC MRT meeting to DFAT was approximately \$64,000.

The cost to DFAT of the Philippines business mission in Manila was \$2,386. The cost to Austrade of the Philippines business mission was approximately \$32,250. Each business delegate met their own travel, accommodation and incidental costs.

- D. The MRT meeting advanced a number of Australia's priorities for APEC. These outcomes included:

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- a statement on APEC support for the multilateral trading system, including commitments to notify acceptance of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation as soon as possible;
- endorsement of the Terms of Reference for the Collective Strategic Study on Issues Relating to the Realization of a Free Trade Agreement of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP);
- agreement that all economies should fully implement their commitments under the APEC List of Environmental Goods as endorsed by APEC leaders in 2012; and
- recognition of the importance of open and competitive services markets and of the work to develop an APEC Services Cooperation Framework.

Australia supported the Philippines in issuing the Boracay Action Agenda to Globalise Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to help address barriers faced by MSMEs in international trade.

The MRT meeting also progressed work on other priorities for Australia such as regional economic integration, structural reform and cross border education cooperation.

The meetings associated with the Australian business mission in Manila resulted in greater understanding of the Philippines' infrastructure market, direct business linkages and agreement to explore further collaboration in infrastructure opportunities for Australian companies.

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Question No 156

Program: DFAT

Topic: Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) - IORA

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

- A. Since DFAT's response to question on notice no.116 from Additional Estimates, please provide a further update on progress and activities by Australia in its final year as IORA chair.***
- B. Please provide details to the progress and activities of the Working Group on Trade and Investment.***
- C. Please provide details to the progress and activities of the Business Forum, as well as list of any Australian business members or participants.***
- D. For the duration of Australia's chair of IORA, please detail the Department's costs.***

Answer

- A.** In Australia's final year as chair of IORA we are focused on building closer regional cooperation on maritime safety and security, and on promoting economic growth and development in the Indian Ocean region.

We continue to advocate support for the IORA Memorandum of Understanding on Search and Rescue Cooperation. Six IORA Member States are now party to the MoU, with more signatories likely at the IORA Council of Ministers' Meeting in Indonesia in October 2015.

Preparations are ongoing for the Indian Ocean Dialogue, a 1.5 track dialogue on geostrategic and economic issues with a focus on maritime security, that Australia will host in Perth on 5-7 September 2015.

Australia is actively engaged in supporting IORA's blue economy agenda. The department provided funding support for the IORA Blue Economy Core Group's first meeting in Durban, South Africa (4-5 May 2015), and is funding the Australian Institute for Marine Science to host an IORA workshop on Exploration and Development of Seabed Minerals and Hydrocarbons in Bali, Indonesia (26-27 July 2015).

We are also funding innovative blue economy initiatives through the IORA Economic Diplomacy Fund (\$1 million, 2014-15). Following a competitive selection process, six recipients were awarded funding to support activities in:

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coastal tourism; port operations skills development; regional fisheries; aquaculture technologies; and, ocean science and research collaboration.

In line with our strategy to promote women's empowerment in IORA's ongoing program of work, we will co-host a women's economic empowerment event in Seychelles, 24-25 August. The event will explore the role of both the private and public sectors in creating an enabling environment for women's participation in the economy. A data publication will be launched on the status of women in the Indian Ocean region. The event will be co-chaired by Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls, Ms Natasha Stott Despoja, and the Seychelles' Ambassador for Women and Children's Affairs, Dr Erna Athanasius.

We continue to support institutional reform of IORA. Australia will second a DFAT officer to the IORA Secretariat from 2015-2017, to build the Secretariat's capacity to support the delivery of economic development outcomes, and strengthen cooperation in a region of increasing strategic significance to Australia. The secondee will make a particular contribution to IORA's women's empowerment agenda, as well as sustaining longer term Australian influence in and ongoing contribution to institutional strengthening of IORA after Australia's tenure as IORA chair comes to an end in October 2015.

- B. The Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) is a sub-forum of IORA that usually meets annually at the time of the Council of Ministers' Meeting. The WGTI last met in Perth in October 2014. The WGTI discusses matters relating to key trade and investment challenges that impede the competitiveness of IORA Member States and facilitates trade and investment-related arrangements and dialogue between Member States.

Recent activities endorsed by the WGTI include a workshop on women's empowerment and poverty alleviation in India (September 2014), an Australian sponsored workshop on sustainable aquaculture and fisheries in Tanzania (August 2014), and a study on institutional mechanisms for promoting intra-regional investment and trade among IORA Member States.

- C. The Business Forum (IORBF) is a sub-forum of IORA that aims to foster closer engagement among the business communities of IORA Member States and to propose for government consideration initiatives to promote trade and investment in the Indian Ocean region. The IORBF usually meets once a year at the time of the Council of Ministers' Meeting and last met in Perth in October 2014. The current chair of the IORBF is the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI).

The IORA Council of Ministers' Meeting in 2014 welcomed the development of a strategic vision statement by the IORBF. This statement articulated a shared vision for IORBF to play a greater role in delivering tangible outcomes in business and trade facilitation, alongside a plan for institutional reform of the IORBF.

- D. During Australia's period as IORA Chair, DFAT has chaired two Council of Ministers' Meetings (2013 and 2014) and four Committee of Senior Officials' Meetings (bi-annual). DFAT has funded these two Ministerial Meetings from its regular operating budget. DFAT also provided funding support for the 2015 Committee of Senior Officials' Meeting in Mauritius from its regular operating budget. DFAT did not provide funding support for the 2014 Committee of Senior

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Officials' Meeting in Thailand. Total costs of these meetings funded by Australia amounted to approximately \$700,000.

In addition, DFAT has drawn on the aid budget to fund IORA-related activities. Aid expenditure (FY 2013-14 and 2014-15) supported IORA capacity-building workshops (around \$1 million), the IORA Economic Diplomacy Fund (\$1 million) and women's economic empowerment in IORA Member States (around \$1 million), totalling \$2.94 million over the period.

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Question No 157

Program: DFAT

Topic: EFIC - Efic

Question in Writing

Senator Wong

Question

How has EFIC implemented the Minister's recent statement of expectations to focus on SMEs? Please describe.

In answer to Question on Notice no.77 from prior Additional Estimates relating to staff numbers, EFIC has provided tables that show there has been approximately 10% increase in staff numbers from March 2014 to March 2015 (total of 87.4 in 2014 to 96.6 in 2015). Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne have all had increases in their staff numbers, including SME teams.

- What has been the performance of the extra staff levels at EFIC?*
- Has there been a direct correlation between increased SME staff in other capitals with SME business in those capitals and corresponding States? If so, please describe. If not, why not?*

Answer

A. Efic has responded to this question at past Senate Estimates hearings.

At the Senate Estimates hearing on 26 February 2015, Mr Andrew Hunter, Efic's Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, provided a response to a question from Senator Fawcett and explained Efic's SME focus under the Minister's recent Statement of Expectations (see pages 116 and 117 of Hansard transcript, Thursday 26 February 2015).

At the Senate Estimates hearing on 4 June 2015, Mr Andrew Hunter also explained the benefits of Efic's new direct lending product for SMEs, the Export Contract Loan, which gives Efic greater flexibility to make direct loans to SME exporters of all types of goods (see page 115 of Hansard transcript, Thursday 4 June 2015). This product was introduced following recent amendments to the *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (Efic) Act (1991)*.

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A. The approximately a 10% increase in staff levels in financial year 2014-15 has contributed to more than a 10% increase in the number of SME exporters supported. Full details of Efic's performance will be provided in Efic's Annual Report for financial year 2014-2015.

B. Yes. The additional SME staff contributed to an increase in the number of SME exporters supported in their respective states, except for QLD. In QLD, the increase in SME business activities has yet to translate into an increase in the number of SME exporters supported. It should be noted that Efic's SME staff in the capital cities also assist in other states when required

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Question No 158

Program: DFAT

Topic: Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department/Agency

Question in Writing

Senator Ludwig

Question

- 1. What is the Department/Agency's policy with regard to hiring non-Australian citizens?***
- 2. Does the agency have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) policy? If yes, please provide a summary.***
- 3. How does the Department/Agency determine whether a person is a non-Australian citizen?***
- 4. How many staff who were not Australian Citizens have been hired by the Department/Agency since the Federal Election in September, 2013? Please break the numbers down by:***
 - (a) Levels at which they are employed***
 - (b) Immigration Status (Visa)***
 - (c) Cultural Background***
 - (d) Linguistic Background***
 - (e) How many were hired to satisfy CALD targets?***

Answer

A. At a minimum, employees must hold an appropriate work visa or be Australian permanent residents. The length of the employment contract is aligned to any specified time restrictions or other conditions under the visa.

B. No.

C. Efic undertakes pre-employment background checks for all positions (including temporary positions of more than 3 months duration), which include the 100 point ID Check, and Department of Immigration and Citizenship check to ascertain the right to work in Australia (if they are non-Australian passport holders).

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D. Efic does not hold information regarding employee citizenship. We gather Equal Employment Opportunity information for reporting purposes including non-English speaking background.

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Question No 159

Program: DFAT

Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution

Question in Writing

Senator Ludwig

Question

- 1. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?*
- 2. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:*
 - (a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).*
 - (b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.*
 - (c) When the contract with the firm commenced.*
 - (d) When the contract with the firm will expire.*
 - (e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.*
 - (f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.*
- 3. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?*
- 4. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:*
 - (a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).*
 - (b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.*
 - (c) When the contract with the firm commenced.*
 - (d) When the contract with the firm will expire.*
 - (e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.*
 - (f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.*

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Answer

A. Efic has appropriate policies in place to deal with dispute and grievance resolution, which are regularly reviewed. Outside firms may be contracted where appropriate in the event litigation may occur between Efic and an employee(s).

B. Our current providers are contracted under the terms and conditions of Legal Service Multi-use List (LSMUL) in the event their services are required for litigation. There are no reportable instances of litigation in financial year 2014-15.

C. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal.

D. Efic does not have any ongoing contracts with outside firms to assist with dispute and grievance resolution.