

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—BUDGET ESTIMATES, 29-30 MAY 2017**  
**Department of Defence**

<b>Q No.</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Hansard page</b>	<b>Date rec'd</b>	<b>Date Tabled</b>
1.	Farrell	List of countries that have increased their contribution to the Iraq/Syria conflict	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> You mentioned that other NATO and non-NATO countries have been asked by NATO to increase their contribution. Are we aware of any other countries that have done that?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I do not have a list of those with me, but I will obtain that for you.</p>	12	18/07/17	
2.	Rhiannon	Number of workers at contaminated Defence sites	<p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We are flexible. The officers are here; they just have to come up to the table.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Which Defence sites around the country are affected by PFAS contamination or are under investigation for possible contamination?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We currently have 18 sites around the country that are under investigation. I will go through the list for you. RAAF Base Williamtown and Army Aviation Centre Oakey were the first two sites. The initial rounds of investigations at those sites are complete and were reported to members of the public in those areas and to relevant authorities last year. There is further work ongoing to refine those reports. As well, we have detailed site investigations ongoing at the following bases: RAAF Base Pearce, RAAF Base East Sale, HMAS <i>Albatross</i>, RAAF Base Edinburgh, RAAF Base Townsville, RAAF Base Amberley, the Jervis Bay Range Facility, RAAF Base Tindal, RAAF Base Darwin, RAAF Base Wagga, HMAS <i>Cerberus</i>, HMAS <i>Stirling</i> and RAAF Base Richmond. There are three other investigations that we are intending to undertake—they are not yet on contract but they should be before the end of June: Holsworthy Barracks, Albury Wodonga Military Area and Robertson Barracks. That is a total of 18 for all of those sites.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do you have any information on how many workers either work or live near those sites? I am referring there to defence personnel and any other staff who may be subcontracted or visiting.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I could not provide that information.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We could take it on notice, but the definition of who lives in</p>	13	19/07/17	

			<p>the area and the like would be vague. We certainly know how many people work on those bases and may turn up to work on those bases. We can have a look at that. It would be an approximate figure.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> An approximate figure for the number working on the bases?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It depends on the scope of your question.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am happy to reframe it. Can you take on notice how many workers are working on these sites. I am referring to the defence personnel and any subcontractors or staff who are directly or indirectly working for the defence department.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> That is something we can take on notice and we should be able to get a reasonable answer to that question.</p>			
3	Rhiannon	Union access to contaminated Defence sites	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Have any requests from unions to go on to any of these bases about the contamination issue not been granted?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I am not aware of any.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take it on notice, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I can take that on notice to check.</p>	14	17/07/17	
4	Rhiannon	Name of chemical in, and material Safety Data sheet for, Ansulite firefighting foam	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I understand that Defence use the firefighting foam Ansulite at all RAAF bases across Australia. Is that the only firefighting foam used by Defence at the moment?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> That is the main product that we use for actually putting out fires that are associated with incidents. We do have another product that is used in some of our training establishments, which is described as a training foam, which is completely free of any of these PFAS chemicals. That is not widely used. It is—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you give me the name of that chemical, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I will take it on notice rather than put incorrect evidence forward...</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Are the material safety data sheets for these foams publicly available?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Yes, they are. They are available on the websites of the companies that manufacture them.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I have not been able to find them, so I was going to ask if you could release them. If you are saying that they are there, can you provide</p>	14-15	04/10/17	

			<p>the links for them?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We can make available copies of the data sheets.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> And provide the links as well—that is fine.</p>			
5	Carr	International incidents with azimuth pods	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That is why I asked the question. If there are hundreds of these systems in service around the world, how many other cases have you identified?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Barrett:</b> Mr Gillis has more knowledge of where these are used elsewhere and is responsible for the sustainment of them.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> A number of the large cruise lines operate azimuthing PODs. Some of them have identified some issues with seals, and there has been remediation on those seals. Ours is a fairly select group of that particular type of POD. They are for our two LHDs and for the <i>Juan Carlos</i>, which is the Spanish Armada's vessel. Those ones are almost identical, but they are fairly unique in the world in respect of the specific configuration.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> There has been no other incident of this type identified in any other fleet users?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> No. There have been issues with azimuthing PODs in the early years. There were a number of issues identified with azimuthing PODs. But it has not been consistent across the fleet.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> This is the Australian fleet?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> No, the international fleet.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How many cases have you identified?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I do not have that data.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Will you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	21	18/7/17	
6	Carr	LHD sea time	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How much sea time have they done?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Barrett:</b> Over the last two years we have had quite an ambitious program to prove their capability, which they have done remarkably well. They have spent more time at sea—almost double—than the Spanish ship of the same type. I will get the figures for you, Senator. I will put them on record. It is about 180 days of sea time in the last year and about 110 days this year. But I will clarify those figures.</p>	21	12/07/17	
7	Xenophon	Ernst & Young corporate services	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> According to LinkedIn, Admiral Moffitt, perhaps after some period of leave, commenced work with Ernst &amp; Young in September</p>	23	18/07/17	

		contract for SEA 1000	<p>2014. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> At about the same time, Ernst &amp; Young received another contract by way of open tender for \$520,000 to provide corporate services for SEA 1000. Do you recall that contract and did you sign off on it?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> I will need to take that on notice as to whether I signed off on that particular contract or whether the then General Manager Submarines signed off on that contract.</p>			
8	Xenophon	Ernst & Young corporate services contract for the Future Submarine Project	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Following on from that Ernst &amp; Young contract, they received two further contracts, also by open tender, to provide corporate services to the Future Submarine Project. One was for \$1,100,000 and the other was for exactly double that—\$2,200,000. Do you recollect those contracts?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> No, I do not. Could you—do you have a timeframe for those?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> No, but I can provide that—I can put some further questions on notice in respect to that. But that followed on, and it seems that Ernst &amp; Young had a number of contracts. Prior to Admiral Moffitt leaving the Navy, had Ernst &amp; Young ever had a contract for the SEA 1000 project?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> I would have to take that on notice as to whether they did or did not.</p>	23	18/07/17	
9	Xenophon	Parameters surrounding re-engagement with Defence following discharge	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> On those, can you just—it concerns me. I just want to know how clear the rules are and what the timeframes are. I understand the exception that you referred to, but I just want to know what the parameters are and whether they are set out clearly.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> It is 12 months.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> It is 12 months?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will take the rest of your question on notice.</p>	24	14/08/17	
10	Carr	Amount spent to date on LHD repairs	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What is the suggested cost that you have at this point for repairs to the LHDs?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Grunsell:</b> We do not have an actual cost at this stage because it is a flowing activity. It will be aggregated towards the end of the activity. I cannot give you the exact cost at this stage.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How much have we spent so far?</p>	26	17/07/17	

			<b>Rear Adm. Grunsell:</b> I would have to take that on notice. We would have to do some detailed analysis to determine how much we have spent to this point.			
11	Hinch	Number of consultants within Army	<p><b>Senator HINCH:</b> Minister Payne, I want to talk about Department of Defence consultants and contracted consultants. I have a letter from the Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann, where he says that in 2016-17 government departments spent \$535 million on consultants and from 2007 to 2017, the total is nearly \$45 billion. On notice, can you break down what the figures are for Department of Defence, particularly the Army? I am old enough to remember the Queensland insurance business 30 years ago, where a person would finish their job as an employee on a Friday and start on the Monday as a consultant. That caused great changes with the ATO. I am getting anecdotal evidence from the Army that you have this happening. People are quitting their jobs or becoming redundant on a Friday and virtually starting again as a consultant on the following Monday. Can you take on notice how many consultants the Army has?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Yes, I can certainly take that on notice, or perhaps Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Campbell, may be able to address that in part at this point. We will take the rest of your question on notice. If I may, I will also point you to the budget measure in relation to contractors and consultants for Defence, which indicates Defence efficiencies in contractors, consultants and in business travel of \$304 million, give or take, over the forward estimates. We will add some more detail to that as well.</p>	33	23/10/17	
12	Gallacher	Nature of Australian military exports	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In light of that statement, can you can confirm if the weapons were munitions or products that can be used to enhance weapons—for example, vehicles upon which weapons produced or purchased elsewhere could be fitted? Are we exporting war-fighting capability here?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> I do not have the particular detail of that. If I can provide it under the arrangements that we have, then I will.</p>	34	21/07/17	
13	Gallacher	List of countries Australia exports military equipment to in the Middle East	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If we could ask on notice, the countries in the Middle East and all countries that we are in negotiations with in relation to military exports.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> Certainly.</p>	35	21/07/17	
14	Gallacher	Use of exported Australian military	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Has the department assessed and previously supplied equipment that is being used by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen? Do we know	35	21/07/17	

		equipment in Yemen	<p>if any of the equipment is ending up in the conflict?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> As part of the process of assessing applications, we look at the end user, as I have said, and where the end use of that technology is. So we satisfy ourselves that the export is sound in relation to international obligations and Australian policy. In regards to Yemen, we would just urge all parties to the conflict to return to the negotiating table and resolve that conflict peacefully.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That is not the question, though, is it? The question is whether the equipment has ended up being used in that conflict. Do you know?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> That is not my understanding, because we would be unlikely to have issued export permits if that is where we thought the equipment would go. But I will take that on notice and we will see what we can understand from that.</p>			
15	Rhiannon	Voluntary blood testing and other health services	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> By now you are well aware of the stress this causes to people when they learn about this contamination or even possible contamination. You said then that talks had been held. I imagine you would be aware that the Northern Territory government has asked for voluntary blood testing to be offered to residents and for health services to be made available. As well as the talks, are there any other practical measures—apart from offering water to local people—being undertaken?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We have indicated that we will provide rainwater tanks to properties where they are dependent on bore water with detections of the contaminants. We understand from the advice of the Northern Territory government that the town water in Katherine is safe for drinking purposes. Matters of blood testing and involvement of that nature are decisions for the health department, but they have been part, if I am not mistaken, of the consultations that the deputy secretary has attended. I am not sure who from the health department went to the last consultation in Katherine, but particularly the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tony Hobbs has been a very close participant in all of the activities which, as the whole of government and as Defence, we have been engaged in.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> The specific question was about the request for voluntary blood testing to be offered and other health services. We know often that is counselling.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> But that is run by Health.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am aware of that. What I was about to say was: when I</p>	38	19/07/17	

			<p>have asked questions previously, you have been quite forthcoming about providing details, because there is obviously a clear cooperation between departments here. If you can answer that, I think it would be a good look for you and it would help relieve some of the stress that is going on with this.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I will follow that up with Health. I do not have that advice with me this afternoon.</p>			
16	Rhiannon	Names and positions of Defence personnel on the PM&C contamination taskforce	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I want to ask about the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's task force there. Who are the defence department representatives on that body?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The Department of Defence has couple of representatives on the task force. Generally the nature of these task forces is that they be established from maybe one or two people, in this case in Prime Minister and Cabinet, and then other people joining from other departments that might be involved. So we have representation, Department of Health has representation and department of infrastructure has representation, and so does, I think, the department of environment. I do not have the names of our representatives, but the people that we put into that task force were people who were working on the issue within Defence immediately before they went into the task force, so they had the experience of understanding what we in Defence understood about the issue, which they can take into the task force process.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice and supply the names and positions of those people, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I could. I would be interested in understanding why you are looking for specific names.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> The question just is: can you take that on notice, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I can take it on notice.</p>	38	17/07/17	
17	Ludlam	Military exports approved from March 2017	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I am happy to chase some of those other matters in the trade portfolio, but I will just confine my short time to military exports in particular. So four is the right number. I saw you nod but <i>Hansard</i> will not pick that up.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> From April 2016, yes, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Have there been any more approved since this March?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> Not that I am aware of and I will have to take that on notice. I can confirm that but not off the top of my head.</p>	39	21/07/17	
18	Ludlam	Australian military	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> ... What kind of gear are we selling to Saudi Arabia?</p>	40	21/07/17	

		exports to Saudi Arabia	<b>Ms Skinner:</b> For these particular exports I do not have the information I would need to generalise about them. I will take that on notice.			
19	Xenophon	Amount spent on consultancies in the past three years	<b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Mr Sargeant, could you take on notice how much has been spent by Defence on consultancies in the last three years. If it has really been out there, I am not— <b>Senator Payne:</b> We do you have a question on notice in relation to that from Senator Hinch, but yours is a slightly different point, so I am very happy to do that.	41	23/10/17	
20	Moore	Departmental discussion regarding military sales to Saudi Arabia	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> So in terms of discussions about sales to Saudi Arabia, can you tell me whether that was one that caused you to have to talk with the department of foreign affairs? <b>Ms Skinner:</b> I can take that on notice. I would suggest it would— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> That is what I thought. <b>Ms Skinner:</b> because we would have been mindful of the issues in the region around regional instability and civil war. So we would have most likely done that, but I can confirm that for you.	43	21/07/17	
21	Moore	Checklist for determining viability of Australian military exports	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> So when you are giving out the approvals, do you have to make a statement against each of those five that it has met the requirements? Is that the kind of paperwork process that you have to go through before, or even after, you make your delegation to prove that this process has been followed? <b>Ms Skinner:</b> I would have to check exactly how the ticking of the boxes occurs. Certainly the assessing officer has a set of standard operating procedures, effectively, that they would go through to make sure all of these things are met. I could not tell you what the checklist looks like. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> But in terms of that final delegation, it is accepted that the particular process has to meet our responsibilities under those five criteria? <b>Ms Skinner:</b> It has to meet those criteria. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> And in terms of the internal documents—I am not asking to see them; I understand that—there would be information against each of those five to say what processes have gone on? <b>Ms Skinner:</b> I would have to take on notice— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Take it on notice. <b>Ms Skinner:</b> exactly how that looks. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> That would be useful in terms of the process.	44	21/07/17	



			<b>Ms Skinner:</b> Yes. I could do that.			
22	Moore	Direct correspondence, or questions raised, regarding Australian military exports to Saudi Arabia	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. Have you had complaint or questions about the sale of armaments to Saudi Arabia, particularly around the Yemen issue?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> We would have to take—</p> <p><b>Ms Louis:</b> We are working on it.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> Human Rights Watch have talked to us. We would need to take it on notice. But we would expect them to raise a whole range of issues, which would be of interest to us engaging on them.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I am particularly interested at this stage—and I could be interested in a whole lot more—in the Yemen issue because of community organisations that have spoken with me. Minister, have you had any direct correspondence or questions raised with you about the sale of armaments to Saudi Arabia on the basis of the impact in Yemen?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I may have, Senator, but I would have to check. I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It would be good if you could take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Of course.</p>	44-45	21/07/17	
23	Ludlam	Denial of military export permits to Saudi Arabia	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I have a couple more questions. I think I am getting the wind-up. I will put two on notice, if that is okay, Chair, if you are about to wrap me up. Firstly, could you provide on notice any information as to whether you have ever denied a permit for an export to Saudi Arabia? Secondly, are there any thresholds as to how bad it would need to get in Yemen before you would reconsider exporting military equipment to Saudi Arabia?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I suggest that that is a question for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> With great respect, these are the folks signing the certificates that allow this—</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will have a look at it, I said.</p>	47	21/07/17	
24	Moore	Total amount of military exports to Saudi Arabia	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I am interested to know—this may go on notice—whether we can get any idea of the total we have approved to Saudi Arabia. It is kind of the offset of Senator Ludlam's questions.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Under what timeframe, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> The last five years?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Certainly.</p>	47	21/07/17	

			<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And where we would rank in terms of other countries and their sales to Saudi Arabia. Is there any information around that that you would have access to? I will put that on notice. You may not be able to on that.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> But as to whether Defence itself has that specific information, other than noting that they are a sizeable trading partner with Australia, we will see what we have.</p>			
25	Farrell	Other nation's militaries roles in domestic terrorism events	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> The minister or air chief marshal can answer this question, if they know the answer. What role or powers do defence forces in other countries, such as the United Kingdom and the United States, have in assisting domestic terrorist events?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> A number of our partners have different military and law enforcement compositions. They have different legislative frameworks to support them. I am not sure that we could provide you with a very brief off-the-cuff answer on that. We have seen some play out, recently, for example, in the United Kingdom. But to the extent that we are able, I am very happy to take that on notice and provide the committee with further information.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you, Minister. What about you?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I talk to my counterparts about what is happening in the UK, France and Belgium; I have recently. It would not be appropriate for me to talk about their particular employment legislation, although that is for them. In fact, it is held quite tightly amongst them as well.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So that legislative framework is not publicly available?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I cannot speak for those nations without researching it, so I will not.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> To the extent that we can, we will provide the committee with some information.</p>	49	21/07/17	
26	Farrell	Cost of decontamination at the former Defence site at Maribyrnong	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes. Has this \$60 million cost that you have mentioned been included in the Defence budget allocation for the 2017-18 financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We have approval from the government for expenditure up to that amount for that decontamination activity. So, in that respect, it will be in our forward budgets spread over at least two, and possibly three, financial years.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can Defence identify where the costs are set out in the budget portfolio?</p>	51-52	17/07/17	

			<p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I am sure that can be done. It is in my infrastructure funding line.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> And you can provide that?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We can provide the details of that.</p>			
27	Farrell	Process to determine 6000-home capacity of the Maribyrnong site	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes. Are we able to get a bit more information about that process of how you came to the 6,000 homes?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We have a report from a consultant. I can take it on notice to see whether we can make some or all of that report available.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can you? Thank you very much.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I will need to look and see whether it has any commercial sensitivity in it.</p>	52	17/07/17	
28	Carr	Development Victoria bid for Maribyrnong – requirements not met	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But the proposal was to sell it to the Victorian government?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> That was the 2009 position.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And why was that proposal not proceeded with at this stage?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> We had long and extensive negotiations with Development Victoria over some time. Last year, we received a best and final offer from Development Victoria. That offer did not meet some of the requirements that were laid down by government in 2009. The decision that has now been taken by government and announced in the budget was that we would seek to go to the open market for opportunities to develop this site because we think that a better value solution might be available.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What requirements did it not meet?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I am not in a position to go into the detail of the bid from Development Victoria. It is commercial-in-confidence. Obviously I cannot talk about what was or was not in their bid.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I think you might have a look at the standing orders on this issue. Are you claiming executive privilege on this?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It is a commercial-in-confidence bid and I think it would be inappropriate for me to talk about the contents of it.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I will ask you to consider that. I am asking you the grounds on which the bid was rejected. Minister, there are requirements in regard to claiming commercial-in-confidence.</p>	53	17/07/17	

			<p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will have a look at what we can provide.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> If it is the case that the Victorian government's offer was rejected, it was a government-to-government offer. You are claiming commercial-in-confidence. I think we are entitled to know the basis of that claim.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will have a look at that, Senator.</p>			
29	Carr	Development Victoria bid for Maribyrnong – date of decision	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Who made the decision to reject the Victorian offer?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It was a decision made by the government.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> A government decision. Who in the government?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> In the security committee of cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So a cabinet decision?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What date was that made?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I will check.</p>	54	17/07/17	
30	Carr	Australian Industry Participation Agreement	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I want to turn to submarines. Thank you, Mr Gillis. I will begin with the Australian Industry Participation agreement, which was signed between DCNS and the Defence Materials Technology Centre. Are you familiar with this agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I will pass to Rear Admiral Sammut.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Are you able to tell me what is covered by this agreement?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> No. I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> ... If the department has not seen it and you have not seen it, is there anyone here who can tell me whether a document has actually been sent to Minister Pyne's office?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> ... Has the defence department sought a copy of the document?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> We are seeking that we get informed of all the agreements that DCNS has entered into as we work with them. Of course, they go beyond just what is required for the Future Submarine Program. This has been a bit more of a broader push than purely for the Future Submarine Program, as stated in the media release. At this stage, our focus is on the actual work that DCNS is doing to increase industry involvement in the Future Submarine Program itself.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But you have sought this document?</p>	57-58	17/07/17	

			<p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> Yes, we have.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When did you seek that document?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> I cannot say precisely when we sought that document.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Was it recently?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> It was recently, Senator, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And what has been the response from DCNS to your request?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> They are happy to forward that document to us. That is moving through our system as it is being passed to us.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So it has been received?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> I do not know whether it has been received yet. What I meant was in terms of our engagement with DCNS: the request has gone to them. We expect it to be forthcoming.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Could you check for me, please, whether or not it has been received?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> I will check that.</p>			
31	Carr	New Collins-class periscopes – contract value	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Well, we will come to that. When did the tender process begin for the new periscopes?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> It began in 2015.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The value of this contract is about \$12 million, I am told. Is that be correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I believe the actual value is \$10 million. I can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> If you would not mind—I am not too far off; I am told it is \$12 million, you say \$10 million.</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> Yes.</p>	60	17/07/17	
32	Carr	New Collins-class periscopes – time since last periscope manufactured	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> It was put to me that Thales UK have not made these periscope tubes for quite some time, particularly ones required for the Collins. Is that true?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> No. They have been in production within at least the last 24 months at the time of the order.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> At the time the contract was awarded. Is that true?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> They were within production within 24 months.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So at the time the contract was awarded, was it true? You said you made the decision based on capability.</p>	61	21/07/17	

			<p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> So was it true that they had produced these before but they may not have been in production right now?</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I am told that they were not made for some time. That is what I am asking, Air Chief Marshal. Is that true? Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> They had made a periscope within 24 months of the time of the order.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Within 24 months. So they had been out of production for two years. Is that what you are trying to say?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I do not know any more details than those I answered your question with. I can take that on notice.</p>			
33	Carr	New Collins-class periscopes – tender process with BAE	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That is your evidence. I am also led to believe that the timetabling was subject to BAE's discretion. Were there many changes, in terms of the contract arrangements?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> Not that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Will you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> Yes. In order to best answer your question, may I ask what you mean when you say contract arrangements?</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I am told that BAE negotiated with prospective tenderers before informing them that they were unsuccessful. There was a dialogue between the respective tenderers. The original RFQ was sent out in August 2014. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I am not sure that I could call it an RFQ. There was a discussion to develop rough order of magnitude bids that began in August 2014. I am sometimes a bit trapped between the differences in vocabulary in contracting positions, so I would not call that an RFQ. I think that that process began in earnest in 2016 in a serious way.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Are you able to advise the committee as to whether or not there were changes requested by BAE with regard to the specifications?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I will take that on notice. I will also observe in these discussions, when you make the transition from finding companies who might be interested to bid to discussing what they might bid on to them getting to the no-kidding request for tender, that it is a normal practice to tailor in consultation with companies. We do that on a regular basis and that is an important part of getting value for money.</p>	70	21/07/17	

			<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And was there any consideration, for instance, in having tenderers source and hold hard-to-obtain stock of particularly specialist forged materials, which I understand, it was argued, was to be for a reduction in costs and to mitigate risks?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And during the time frame, does the department know whether or not the tenderers—that is, EZY-FIT and Hoffman—complied with BAE's requests for items such as side audits, risk mitigation strategies, detailed manufacturing operation sequencing and other items to demonstrate their capabilities to carry out the work requested?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>			
34	Rice	Sale of former Defence site Maribyrnong – date of Cabinet discussion	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Early May. You made a decision late last year. When exactly was it late last year that you decided that their bid was not acceptable?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Well, I did not make any decision. We received a best and final offer from Development Victoria in December last year, so very late last year. That was analysed and then—</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Who analysed it? What was the process of analysis?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It was analysed within the Department of Defence with a lens of best value for money, noting advice we had from strategic advisers familiar with this market. A range of options was put to government and a decision was made in early May, as the minister has just said.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> When were the range of options put to government?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> For the decision in early May.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> But when?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I would have to take the actual date of that meeting on notice.</p>	73	17/07/17	
35	Gallacher	310 St Kilda Rd – date when decision to dispose was made	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just following on from the disposal of assets, I come back to some questions Senator Hinch asked you in the last round of estimates. Was there a proposal in the last round of estimates in relation to 310 St Kilda Road? Was it up for sale at that time?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The position with 310 St Kilda Road at the moment is that we have been talking to the government of Victoria about a potential off market sale. The government of Victoria, on 6 February this year, expressed an interest in an off market sale. We have been providing necessary information to the government of Victoria. They are currently considering their position. We are</p>	75	17/07/17	

			<p>awaiting information from them as to whether they wish to proceed and, if so, what their offer would be for that property.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps I will go back a stage. When did Defence actually consider the site to be surplus to operational and strategic requirements? Is there a date for that?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> So 310 St Kilda Road has not been used by the Department of Defence for some considerable time.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That is not the question. It has been derelict for 22 years, if you read the media. When did you decide you needed to dispose of it?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I would have to take that on notice. We have been talking about options for selling that property for some years. A range of players have been expressing interest. One of them is representing an organisation called the Australian National Veterans Art Museum. We have been talking to those people. For some years we have been working up to—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> When did you list this?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> the disposal of this property. But I would have to take on notice if you are looking for the month and year that a decision was made.</p>			
36	Gallacher	310 St Kilda Rd – value on Defence asset ledger	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> There are plenty of things in derelict condition in prime addresses, such as 310 St Kilda Road. I appreciate that there might be heritage concerns and all the rest of it, but it is a particularly prime address, is it not?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The location is very good, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So what is it on your asset ledger?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Did you discuss that when you made the decision to sell?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It would have been part of the—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can someone give it to us before we finish estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Well, I will take it on notice.</p>	76	17/07/17	
37	Gallacher	310 St Kilda Rd – discussions with Senator Hinch	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Have you had any discussion with Senator Hinch about his supposed gifting of the property?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Only what I think you were in the room for at the last estimates, when Senator Hinch asked some questions. At the time—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> He has gone on Channel 7 and announced that he has done a deal or there is a deal done.</p>	78	17/07/17	



			<p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Well, I love his enthusiasm. I love his enthusiasm. If it is possible to achieve an outcome, let us achieve an outcome. But, at this point in time, the situation is as Mr Grzeskowiak has described it. If Minister Tehan has any further information, I will seek that for you and come back to the committee.</p>			
38	Carr	Australian Industry Capability Plan – availability of redacted documents	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I see. On page 11 at 1.5, there is a series of applicable documents referred to from A1 through to A8. Are those documents available?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> There are a number of references there, as I recall. I do not have the document before me. Do they include things like the transfer of technology plan?</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The Australian industry capability plan, the integrated master schedule, the development of the Australian build, build strategy, contract work breakdown structure, transfer of technology strategy, Australian steel development qualification, the options study and the quality management plan. They are the documents listed. Are they available?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> They are being produced at the same time as the Australian industry capability plan and they continue to be developed in some cases. Politically, there is the integrated master schedule. You can readily imagine that some of those documents you have mentioned contain highly commercially-sensitive material, such as the contract work breakdown structure and so forth. Others have been raised in discussions before, including the Australian steel qualification and development plan, which was sought at the same time as the Australian industry capability plan. That continues to be developed.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Well, they have not actually been created yet?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> All of those documents are in a draft form. They need to be developed in unison so that they are complementary to one another.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So are any of these documents available in a redacted form?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> We have not made all the documents available in a redacted form, but some of them would be available in a redacted form.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can you take on notice what documents are available in a redacted form of the ones I have drawn your attention to at 1.5 on page 11.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> We can take on notice what documents would be available in a redacted form.</p>	84	11/09/17	

39	Xenophon	EZY-FIT – ownership of industrial equipment	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I wonder if you could make further inquiries in relation to that. My understanding is that EZY-FIT sought the grant and purchased the new equipment to improve quality further and to improve the time frame to complete the job with fully automated equipment. Just for the record, as I said earlier, the final piece of equipment arrived this morning. Were you, Mr Johnson, or you, Rear Admiral Sammut, aware of that?</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> That it arrived this morning?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> No. That they already had equipment that could do it but the grant was to improve the time frame to complete the job with fully automated equipment?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ... You may want to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	95-96	21/08/17	
40	Xenophon	Defence gas contract with Origin Energy in Wagga Wagga	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes, scones. I want to go to something completely different. It is contract notice CN 3413769. If you do not know what it is, I will help you with it. It is a contract under the category of oil and gas utilities. The published date is 4 April 2017. It is for a contract value of \$5.234 million and it is for the provision of natural gas to the large Defence sites in Wagga Wagga in New South Wales. It was run by open tender and the supplier is Origin Energy. I understand there are commercial-in-confidence issues. Given that the price of gas is such a big issue in this country at the moment, can someone please tell me a price band for which that gas was procured? It is for a contract period of 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021. It is for a reasonable amount of money—\$5.2 million for that period. It is a bit over \$1.3 million a year. Are you able to tell me the average price per gigajoule for that gas?</p> <p><b>Mr Birrer:</b> I do not have the information for that contract with me at the moment. I can try and source that information to come back with. But you are right; the overall contract is a bit over \$5 million.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I do not understand. That does not tell me much about how much it is per gigajoule, given the horror stories I am getting from Australian industry. I think Senator Back is acutely aware of this. A number of Australian businesses I have spoken to about their gas bills doubling or tripling are saying it is going to make it unviable for them to continue here in Australia. I am trying to get an idea of how much the Commonwealth is paying for gas in this contract.</p>	97	21/07/17	

			<b>Mr Birrer:</b> We will try to get you those figures.			
41	Rice	Former Defence site Maribyrnong – weed control and access to riverbank	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I table a photo. I travelled along the Maribyrnong River on the <i>Blackbird</i> with Peter Somerville over the weekend. He pointed out to me—I will table a photo I took then—the level of infestation of thistles. I did not get a photo, but there is a similar level of prickly pear on the site. He is very concerned about the weed management of the site and wanted me to ask what Defence is going to do to manage that weed infestation.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I will take that on notice and have a look at the photograph.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> They were also asking for access to the riverside in order to begin revegetation works and could not understand why that was not permitted. This is an area of the site along the riverbank which has not been contaminated and has never had development on it. They would very much like access to it to be able to begin revegetation, which you would think would be in the interests of increasing the value of the site.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> That may well be. It may also be a difficulty if it is inside the perimeter fence that exists at the moment simply from a health and safety perspective.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I think it is between the river and the perimeter fence, and they were not being given access to that site.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I will be happy to look into that and see what is possible, but I can make no promise that that can be done.</p>	101	17/07/17	
42	Fawcett	Army SO3 syllabus	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can I come back to your comment about the First Principles Review and the changing culture? Lieutenant General Campbell, at your SO3-level staff courses—and I am happy for you to take this on notice—has the syllabus for the training of those junior officers been changed to recognise and explain the role that industry plays as a fundamental input to capability?</p> <p><b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> I will have to take that on notice, and I will be looking to the staff courses, not the tactical courses. We will get back to you.</p>	104	12/07/17	
43	Ludlam	Sustainment costs for F-35 beyond 2024-25	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Minister, you were correct—I think we were talking about question No. 39. I have it here now. It does not give us the total sustainment cost, so that is why my notes indicate that we did not get a response. We got a unit cost, I think. We got sustainment funding out to 2024-25. Remaining funding will be sought after 2020.	107	24/10/17	

			<p><b>Senator Payne:</b> If you want further information, we can take that on notice and see if we can provide any more.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> But that was what I asked back in March.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I have not gone through the Q&amp;A that preceded the response again. Although I did live through it on the first occasion, I have not reread it now to see whether there would be any more, but we will take that on notice and follow up for you.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> But you are just taking on notice the same question that I put to you in March. What is the total cost of this acquisition? That is all I am seeking to find out. You took it on notice then and did not provide it. Do we wait another couple of months? What is the problem?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> The costs are set out there, in acquisition and sustainment.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> We have a sustainment figure that goes out to 2024, which is a third of the expected design life of the aircraft. Am I missing something really obvious here or do we not know how much this thing is going to cost?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I think the figures have been set out as available, but, if there is any more, as I said, we will provide that for you.</p>			
44	Kakoschke-Moore	Assault matters raised outside of the DART process	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> I would like to turn to the issue of allegations of serious sexual assault against permanent members of the ADF. In particular, I was hoping to unpack some of the answers that were provided to question on notice no. 51 from last estimates. Answer no. 1 from that particular sheet read: A review of the remaining open cases of Defence Abuse Response Taskforce referrals alleging sexual assault, as at 28 March 2017, identified there were 12 serving permanent members accused of sexual assault.</p> <p>Do those 12 serving permanent members represent all members who have been accused of sexual assault or only those who came to Defence's attention as a result of a referral from the DART?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> That answer relates to matters raised through the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Do you then have on hand statistics about the number of still-serving members who have been accused of serious sexual assault outside of the DART process?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> No, I do not. I will have to take that on notice. That is a broader question.</p>	110-111	21/07/17	

			<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> If you could please. If you could go back for that answer as far as records permit. I am not too sure how your record keeping works in that respect. An update on that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> Yes.</p>			
45	Kakoschke-Moore	Discharge reasons from exit interviews	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> When I put these questions on notice last time, I asked how many people who had made allegations that they had been abused were subsequently discharged. Some information came back about that. Of the four who had discharged since making a complaint I was told that the alleged abuse was not a factor in their decision to leave. How was that question put to them in their exit interview? How can you be sure that that was not the determinative factor?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I will check from the exit interview why we would be confident that that is not a factor.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> If it assists, it is question no. 6 on question on notice sheet 51. It says:</p> <p>The four members separated from the Australian Defence Force for reasons other than their complaint to the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I will take that on notice and I will get an answer for you quickly from whoever approved it.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Then, of the four, it says, ... (two transferred to the Australian Defence Force Reserves, one resigned and one was medically discharged).</p> <p>Is that the answer you were referring to.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Yes, that is correct. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will check that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> I suppose unless the question was directly put, there might have been some reluctance on the part of the person to come forward and say that this had happened.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will find out what that was from the exit.</p>	111	21/08/17	
46	Kakoschke-Moore	DFDA charge for sexual assault	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> ... Is there is a particular act that they are charged under as opposed to a civilian Criminal Code offence?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> If it is a sexual assault, it will go to the civilian police. So that would only be if it was deemed to not meet their threshold and handed back to us and we would have a complementary DFDA charge. I just</p>	111	19/07/17	

			have to find out what it is.			
47	Kakoschke-Moore	Date range for historical sexual assault complaints	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> In answers 7, 8 and 9, you point me to 26 complaints involving sexual assault and the outcomes of those complaints. Clearly without identifying any particular case, are you able to give me a bit of a date range of what we can term historical offences, or are they recent offences?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will take it on notice to get you the date range.</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> We can get the date range.</p>	111	12/07/17	
48	Kakoschke-Moore	Gender breakdown of YourSay data	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Thank you. In response to one of my questions on notice, you provided a very helpful snapshot, you said, from the August 2016 <i>YourSay</i> organisational climate survey. It had some really helpful information in there about job satisfaction, commitment to the role and how proud a member felt to be serving in the ADF. As part of that collection of data, would you be able to break it down according to gender to say 50 per cent of women or 60 per cent of men responded in this way?</p> <p><b>Ms Greig:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> On notice, could you perhaps provide a few snapshots for me that you think demonstrate the breadth of questions that you asked and the range of answers you get. I will take it from there at the next estimates.</p> <p><b>Ms Greig:</b> Yes.</p>	112	18/7/17	
49	Kitching	KPIs for contamination reimbursement or compensation	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What is the KPI that Defence works to in assessing and making decisions regarding claims for reimbursement or compensation?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I would have to take that on notice or get one of the Defence legal colleagues to talk about any KPIs there might be.</p>	114	18/7/17	
50	Kitching	Australian Cyber Security Centre – access and clearances	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You have set up a new cybersecurity centre at Brindabella. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> Yes, the Australian Cyber Security Centre, which is currently co-located in the Ben Chifley Building, will relocate to Brindabella in due course. Mr Grzeskowiak has those details.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And that is a combination of agencies, not just Defence?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Some of the evidence that is on the public record is that</p>	115	14/07/17	

			<p>people who are working out of the building you referred to needed a high-security pass and people who may be skilled at cybersecurity are not necessarily the same people who would be able to maintain or get that high-security pass.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> That is not the way I would frame it. There is a cost to needing to clear people who are doing work that might not require that level of clearance. There is also an overhead to accessing a building such as the Ben Chifley Building. Where there can be cooperative work done at the classification that the work needs to be done at, there is a benefit in having a facility that has more layered security and more ready access for all those who need to participate.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Did you give evidence at the public works committee hearing into the new location at Brindabella by the airport?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> I did not provide evidence.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I am pretty sure that, if you check the <i>Hansard</i>, that is the way they characterised it.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> Okay, I will check that.</p>			
51	Kitching	Staff profile – cyber capability stream	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is it possible to table the staff profile for the capability stream for the 2016-17 financial year and the 2017-18 financial year?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> We can certainly provide some overview of how numbers in the broad are increasing, but it would not actually go to specific detail around the cyber capability per se. It would be about increase in the size of the workforce in my group.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I am looking at question on notice 14. In that response there was some discussion around the capability stream out to 2025-26 and 2034-35. Is it possible to table the capability stream out to that time period?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> I will have a look at the question—I am not familiar with what question 14 looks like—and if we can provide something that supports that then we will.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	115	20/07/17	
52	Kitching	Next Generations Technology Fund	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I have some questions from Senator Carr around the Next Generation Technologies Fund. Dr Cocking, Senator Carr wanted me to say he appreciated the briefing that he received from the chief defence scientist earlier this year—he wanted to put that on record. I understand that the fund involves an investment of \$730 million over 10 years, with \$16.8 million recently announced for the first round. What is the proposed funding profile for the fund</p>	116-117	21/08/17	

			<p>over the decade?</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> The funding this year, as you rightly said, is \$16.8 million. My understanding is that it is \$29.1 million next year. Beyond that, rather than—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I can just put it on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> If you do not mind, and then I will give you the correct figures.</p>			
53	Moore	Defence Cooperative Research Centres - governance	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> What will be the governance arrangements for defence CRCs?</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> The program guidelines for that have been signed off, just last week.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Are they public?</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> We can provide them to you, I am sure.</p>	120	18/07/17	
54	Moore	Defence Cooperative Research Centres – PhD training and recruitment	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Another element is that PhD training and getting that very important qualification has been promoted as a positive outcome.</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> How is that progressing and how many PhDs have been recruited to date?</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> I will have to take that as a question on notice, if you do not mind.</p>	121	12/07/17	
55	Moore	Small Business Innovation Research for Defence program – considerations for prime contractors	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Will prime contractors be required to show additional consideration to such firms and actually help them build capacity to undertake defence work in Australia?</p> <p><b>Dr Cocking:</b> I am not the best person to answer that sort of question.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Who would be the best person to ask? Will the prime contractors be required to show additional consideration to the smaller firms that Ms Cocking has been telling me about? It can go on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> We will take it on notice.</p>	121	20/07/17	
56	Xenophon	Future Submarine combat system	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> If you could perhaps take on notice (1) what are the other processes and (2) what opportunities do you see in the near term for Australian companies, and (3) can you please provide the committee with a copy of the Australian industry participation plan for the Future Submarine combat system, as delivered by the winning tenderer, Lockheed Martin.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Sammut:</b> We will provide the documents that we have in relation to any of those questions.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> They are not just documents but also issues about opportunities, which I do not think are just document based.</p>	123	25/08/17	



57	Kitching	Women as members of Defence boards	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thank you. Can I go to another topic: women in the ADF. Could the department please advise which women in service roles and in the APS respectively sit on the following boards? I can list them or go through them individually. The Chiefs of Service Committee?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> The Chiefs of Service Committee—Ms Justine Greig sits on it as an invited member. We currently have Major General Simone Wilkie sitting on it and, from personnel, Roxanne Kelley sits on it.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> She is the deputy secretary who is unavoidably not here today.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Chief of Navy Senior Advisory Committee?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> If you have a long list, it might be better if we take exact positions on notice and just give you the list back on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Sure: Chief of Navy's Senior Advisory Committee, Chief of Army's Senior Advisory Committee, Chief of Air Force's advisory committee, and Human Resources Development Board. And, overlaying that, how many of the boards have the same women on them? Is there more that could be done to see women on those boards? Do you want to take all of that on notice?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will take all that on notice except the last part. A lot of the board memberships or the committee memberships are by position. Therefore, to offset that, a lot of those will have invited members, as the Chief of Service Committee does, to provide that balance. So in the case of Justine, we wanted someone who had extensive experience in these areas and then also could provide a personnel side of it as well. I think you will find the same across the other committees. The one that you did not touch on there is the Gender Equity Advisory Board which the CDF and the secretary have, which actually has external members from corporate areas as well as members from across Defence that sit on that. So we will provide you with the membership of that one as well.</p>	6-7	21/07/17	
58	Moore	Women, peace and security within the ADF	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I have a general question about policy within the department around UN 1325, and I am wanting to get an update. I know the department has worked very hard in this space over a number of years, but just as we are moving towards a further evaluation of that at the international level, can I get an update about what the processes are, how it is going and how the department and the various arms of the service talk about this issue with their membership?</p>	7-8	21/07/17	

			<p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> ... That is a general overview of where we are at. Justine will be able to give you more specifics. If I could, I would also like to take this on notice to provide you with a lot more, because there is a lot there.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That is what I was going to ask.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> There is a lot there and I would like to make sure that we get it all on record.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And we have not had that discussion for a while specifically with your area, so it would be great to see a snapshot of where it is at now. The gender training is an extraordinarily valuable movement, and the source of that to provide services across the Pacific—I think there is great potential there. Please take the question on notice and we will go beyond that... Internally, when there are operational deployments, is there a specialised report back about the role of the gender advisers as part of the general operational report on things like the Fiji experience?</p> <p><b>Ms Greig:</b> There is. I am probably not the best one on the operational reporting but there is, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It is just so that I know that that is there. Okay, we will wait for that. That will be really useful.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will add that aspect to the answer to the question on notice, Senator Moore.</p>			
59	Gallacher	Tiger ARH – resolution of deficiencies	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can we move on to the ARH helicopters—the Tiger armed reconnaissance helicopter. The Defence 2016 white paper states that the government will replace the 22 Tiger armed reconnaissance helicopters with new armed reconnaissance capability from the mid-2020s. And the ANAO report released in September last year said it had 76 capability deficiencies, 60 of which the department deemed to be critical for the Tiger armed reconnaissance helicopters. A couple of weeks ago the budget forecasted an increase in flying hours from 4,800 hours in this financial year to 5,050 next year and 5,300 for the following three years. So for the program to be operational it is quite significant hours, I would imagine. Have any of the deficiencies reported by the Australian National Audit Office been resolved? It listed 76 capability deficiencies, 60 of which the department deemed to be critical. Have we resolved any of those issues?</p> <p><b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> Unless my colleague Brigadier King has the detail, I would</p>	11	19/07/17	

			have to take that on notice.			
60	Gallacher	Tiger ARH - availability	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> This line of questioning is based on old figures—2015, 3.5 aircraft available. Perhaps on notice you could upgrade the information as to what is available at 10 o'clock on any given day. <b>Brig. King:</b> Sure.	12	12/07/17	
61	Gallacher	Tiger ARH – original target for flying hours	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What was the original target for flying hours for the Tiger ARH? <b>Brig. King:</b> I will take that on notice. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I have an answer here that it is 7,147. Does that sound about right? <b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> I believe it might be a little high, but it is certainly more than we are currently achieving. We will take that on notice.	12-13	12/07/17	
62	Gallacher	Tiger ARH – date FOC originally expected	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> When you purchased it, when were you originally expecting it to achieve FOC? <b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> We would have to take it on notice, but earlier than we did.	13	12/07/17	
63	Gallacher	Tiger ARH – wiring defects	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Did Germany have serious defects with wiring in 2009, and were you aware of that? <b>Brig. King:</b> I would have to take that on notice.	16	21/08/17	
64	Gallacher	Tiger ARH –	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What would be the long-term average for the	16-17	23/10/17	

		sustainment costs	<p>sustainment cost per flying hour for the Tiger ARH?</p> <p><b>Brig. King:</b> Are you asking what we expect it to extrapolate out to or what we have seen over the last five years?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I have an answer here, which is \$39,500. Does that sound about right?</p> <p><b>Brig. King:</b> Certainly what we have seen is a marked reduction in that cost per flying hour over the last three to four years as we have matured the platform and had a better understanding of the spares and how we operate that aircraft.</p> <p><b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> Senator, we do not wish to mislead or to guess. We will take it on notice and give you what we understand to be the average cost per flying hour of the aircraft since we acquired it to now.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What was the original target sustainment cost per flying hour for this platform?</p> <p><b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> We will advise that also.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would it have been about half of what you are doing? I have an answer here, which is \$17,000. Is that incorrect?</p> <p><b>Lt Gen. Campbell:</b> I do not have it with me. We will have to put that into the question on notice. I am very happy to be advising you but I do not have that information.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> The original budget for the Tiger ARH was \$1.5 billion in 2001—is that correct?</p> <p><b>Brig. King:</b> There or thereabouts, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Plus \$397 million sustainment?</p> <p><b>Brig. King:</b> I do not have that figure with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You will take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Brig. King:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I am presuming those figures that have been supplied to me are accurate, but I would appreciate—</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I think they would be accurate but we just need to take them on notice. We do not have those figures here to cross-check.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I have \$1.584 billion in 1999 prices. So they are probably close to your 2000 pricing. But that is in that year dollars. You have to escalate those out 18 years to get a normalised figure. The current budget is just over \$2 billion in out-term prices.</p>			
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65	Fawcett	Air Force O3-O5, SNCO and WOFF course syllabi	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That is a very good segue to my final question for you. The first principles review has identified industry—who are a key partner for platforms such as the P-8 and many of the things you are seeking to do with Jericho—as a fundamental input to capability. Has Air Force changed its junior staff course syllabus yet to reflect the fact that industry is a FIC and to encourage your junior officers, as they consider the whole role of capability management and assurance through things like your airworthiness boards, to look to the help of industry and consider that role as part of their training?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Davies:</b> I will get you the syllabi for our 03-, 04- and 05-level officers and for our senior NCOs and warrant officers, if I could take that delivery on notice. But in my engagement around the bases and at staff college at squadron leader, wing commander and group captain level, the conversation is much more vibrant about what industry can do and what we need to do to engage. So in a cultural sense, yes. I will show you the practical pieces of that that have changed.</p>	19	20/07/17	
66	Moore	Local industry engagement – estate expansion	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You said this type of commitment is unusual in an MoU. Will the commitment extend to investment in expansion of training areas in other parts of Australia? Will this approach perhaps be the model for other projects which may happen in the future?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> This MoU is unique to this engagement and the comprehensive</p>	21	24/10/17	

			strategic partnership with Singapore. But in terms of Defence's work in a state and in infrastructure more broadly, I have a very keen interest—and I have made it very clear to the Department—about seeing the engagement of local industries specific to the area and the location of the relevant piece of the state in works that are being done in that context. There are a couple of examples which I would like to ask the Defence organisation to come back to you on notice with where we have endeavoured to do that. We do not always get it right yet. I am very happy to acknowledge that. But it is something that I am very keen to pursue. We also have the construct of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines to work within. But I believe that we are more than capable of achieving the value for money outcome that the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines require at the same time as a strong and overriding engagement with local and regional businesses where Defence is doing work.			
67	Moore	UD FPI – local industry engagement and KPIs for delivery of the Initiative	<p><b>Senator Payne:</b> The acting secretary has reminded me of some of the activities we are doing under the US Force Posture Initiative, in terms of work that needs to be done for that. We will supply that to you on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> My last question could go on notice, Chair, so I will throw it in quickly. What are the key performance indicators to measure whether and how this commitment is being delivered? It just seems to me that is a natural follow-up on notice with what you give us later.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will come back to you on notice with that as well.</p>	21	24/10/17	
68	Gallacher	Date of definition of ANCAP 5-Star rating	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just on that point, you are aware that ANCAP has included autonomous braking technology in the five-star rating? That is a new—they have now said that you will not get a five-star rating unless you have autonomous braking technology. Are you talking about the same five-star rating or was this document produced earlier?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> SG Fleet are the whole government provider of vehicles under the Department of Finance criteria, so I will take that on notice if I could.</p>	22	20/07/17	
69	Gallacher	Safety considerations – heavy rigid trucks	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just to clarify, would your heavy rigid trucks have lane-keeping assist and autonomous emergency braking systems?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> The civilian line vehicles I would have to take on notice. Our fuelled vehicles are, of course, an entirely different kettle of fish, and they have different safety considerations.</p>	23	20/07/17	
70	Gallacher	Difference between	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I think you mentioned that the current domestically	23	21/08/17	

		ANCAP 4- and 5-Star ratings	<p>purchased vehicles were five-star ANCAP and overseas were four?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> No, it is a difference in the vehicles. The passenger vehicles are five-star. For light commercial vehicles, the policy is that they must have a four-star rating and they can be procured from overseas where no suitable vehicle is manufactured in Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you just provide on notice the difference between them—the four-star and five-star?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Yes, Senator.</p>			
71	Gallacher	ADF vehicle fleet – statistics on accidents and injuries	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do you have any stats on your fleet—how many accidents you are involved in and how many injuries?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> No, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes. You are a substantial fleet, and you will affect the second-hand car market when you dispose of vehicles. Obviously, I have a road safety hat on. If you buy the best vehicles and the safest vehicles, they translate into the second-hand market as well as keeping your personnel safe. I would be interested in—you have a lot of people driving vehicles at all times of the day and night. I would be interested in any statistics you have about accidents and injuries in the operation of your fleet, as distinct from people driving privately.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> We will provide that and, of course, we do this within a whole-of-government context and policy for these vehicles.</p>	23	14/07/17	
72	Gallacher	Average age of ADF passenger fleet	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What is the current average age of your passenger fleet?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Depending on the vehicle usage, we attempt to turn them over every three to six years.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You mentioned SG Fleet. Do they manage the fleet in terms of kilometres or years?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> A combination of both.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If you could break that down into the different categories of vehicles, I would appreciate it.</p>	23	14/07/17	

73	Gallacher	Number of fuel cards on issue to the ADF	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You have 5,800 Defence-owned commercial vehicles and trailers approximately. How many fuel cards do you have on issue?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Mulhall:</b> I will confirm that precise number with you.</p>	24	12/07/17	
74	Gallacher	Cafeterias within Defence premises	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So it is not a cost to Defence in any way, shape or form?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> No, not really. We provide the space, obviously, in terms of somewhere for the facility to be. We do not incur significant cost in terms of providing the service. So the companies that provide the service sell coffee and whatever and they can make a profit out of that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You say it does not incur any significant cost to Defence. Does it not produce revenue?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I would have to take that on notice to just check. I do not want to mislead the committee, but looking for revenue is not what we are primarily looking for here. We are looking for good quality cafeteria services for the staff.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Cost neutral. Is it cost neutral?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Yes. Certainly, we would not be looking to have to expend money.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps you could take that on notice. It seems eminently reasonable to me. Is it a cost to Defence or are you—</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The only real cost to Defence, is essentially the cost of providing space.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can you put in that answer, about how long they have been there?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The current—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I know they are there; but some idea about how long they have been there.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> These contracts are normally of the order of five years give or take, so we can put that in the response.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> It will be no different to any other government department that offers some space for someone to come in and bid for—</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> It would be no different to what goes on in a whole range of</p>	24-25	18/7/17	



			<p>offices around the country.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Does it produce revenue?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I do not think so, but I will take that on notice, just to clarify.</p>			
75	Gallacher	Trades to be available at the Naval Shipbuilding College	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What trades would be available at the college? Do you have a list or not?</p> <p><b>Mr Ablong:</b> Initially, we will start with the certificate III and certificate IV vocational education and training courses for trades involving welding, structural work, carpentry, electrotechnical, electricians and those sorts of skills. In the second phase of the college, we will put more of the focus on the higher education: naval architecture, naval engineering and the sorts of professional skills in project planning and logistics and supply arrangements. Initially, the focus is on those vocational trades.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Could you provide a list of those?</p> <p><b>Mr Ablong:</b> Yes, we can.</p>	27	17/07/17	
76	Moore	Update on DART Taskforce and report	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> In previous evidence to this committee and also in questions on notice, the department said it was continuing to consider the recommendations of the DART Taskforce. Can the department update us on what actions or plans have been taken since the release of the DART report in 2016?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> Could you be more specific? Or we can take that on notice and detail it all the way through to give you all the—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I think that would be useful.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> That would probably be easiest.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That is the intent of the question: to see what has happened.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> Otherwise I am going to read out a thick—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I know, which is the history of the DART process, really.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> That is it—yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> This is a question to you, Minister. Are we expecting a government response to the DART Taskforce? We were told that it was under consideration, but it is eight or nine months since it was released. Is there a plan to have a formal government response?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We have made announcements in the budget which relate to the development of the role of the Defence Force Ombudsman. In terms of a formal government response, the Minister for Defence Personnel and I will determine</p>	30	25/08/17	

			<p>that in due course. We have not done that as yet.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> The particular questions I have here are about the six specific recommendations. Has there been a determination about what is going to happen with each of them? And with whom is the department talking? I am sure this is part of the answer to questions on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We would be very happy to come back on that.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It is recommendation by recommendation, in terms of what has happened, has there been a determination and what is the process of further consideration?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Certainly.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I think it is worthwhile to put that on notice, rather than take more time today.</p>			
77	Back	ADF Parliamentary Program – participant details	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Finally, of these 38, do you have any figures on those who are participating for the first time?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I will get that on notice as well as the frequent flyer details.</p>	30	21/07/17	
78	Moore	ADF Parliamentary Program – historical data and reciprocal program	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Do we have any data on how the 38 from this particular parliament compares with previous parliaments?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I can get that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> My understanding is that it has been one of the biggest turnovers in terms of members and senators of recent years. It would be useful to know. I was also going to follow up, Chief, about the reciprocal program. We have asked questions before about the parliamentarians going in to share in programs. Do we have figures about how those numbers in the reciprocal program have changed? You said you have had over—</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> Around 200.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> around 200 so far. Can we get some detail on notice about the numbers?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> Will give you year-by-year participation rates.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That would be useful, and also in terms of capacity.</p>	31	12/07/17	
79	Gallacher	Australian Naval Infrastructur Pty Ltd - governance	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That is clear as mud but, anyway, it sounds as if it will eventually be CEO, chairman, board, and a statement of assets and liabilities will eventually be on the public record?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> My point I suppose is: do you wait for the first AGM or</p>	35	18/07/17	

			<p>do they come onto the public record at creation?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I have not constructed a GBE myself. That is something that the Department of Finance does on behalf of the government on a regular basis, and I would have to defer to my colleague.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps on notice we could have when the assets, liabilities and the injection of capital required to make this a working concern will be available to the committee.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Absolutely.</p>			
80	Moore	National Mental Health Commission report	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> The National Mental Health Commission recently released the report of its review of services available to veterans and members of the Australian Defence Force in relation to prevention of self-harm and suicide. Certainly that is an incredibly important piece of work, and I know that the department and the services have been looking at that for a long time. My particular focus in the series of questions that I have is on services to the families, because the report made it very clear that service personnel were central to support needs—from the employer and also in transition. It really highlighted the desperate situation of some of the families of personnel. Has the department budgeted for any implementation of the NMHC's recommendations? And there are a few of them.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> Not at this point, because the government has not responded to the commission's review. That is in train at present.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Minister, when any of these reports come down, time needs to be taken to absorb them and plan. Is there any indication of the time frame for a response to this one?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I will check that with the Minister for Defence Personnel.</p>	36	19/07/17	
81	Moore	ADF-funded childcare centres	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> This child care link was talked about for many years, because the feedback from families was overwhelming. The school system was relatively open for access but the child care system was not because of the variation across the country. I remember being involved in a number of community events which were talking about this process. The pilot was put in place, then it was assessed, and is it being rolled out now across the whole of the country?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> Yes. The ADF is still funding several childcare centres in areas where commercially there are not enough childcare places available. We</p>	37	12/07/17	

			<p>support childcare facilities in some areas—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> On notice can I get where they are. Knowing where childcare centres are being specifically supported by Defence would be very useful, because that was another issue we talked about in that preliminary stage, wearing another hat that I had, about the fact that there were some places where the biggest market was for the ADF and it just was not being serviced by the mainstream providers.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We will also give you the full details of what is happening. To give you an idea, the Chiefs of Service Committee is the highest ADF committee that we have—all the service chiefs and the Vice Chief of the Defence Force sit on it. We talked about representation before, and I forgot Ms Skinner in her representation. The Chiefs of Service Committee has considered child care twice in the last 12 months because we see it as such an important part of what we need for our families and being able to do a job, which is capability at the endgame. They are the sorts of things that we do consider quite regularly.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we also have where those childcare centres are being funded. We would like to get an update of what is happening with that childcare program, and the funding that goes into that and what the funding arrangements are—in the out years.</p>			
82	Moore	DCO – funding and services	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can I get, on notice, what the current expenditure is for the forces in this area across that range of service that you pointed out? It is almost a mapping process, which I know you did in the Defence submission to the inquiry. I know you have done that. I would just like to have that done.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> We will also give you a full list of the services which Defence Community Organisation conduct and the funding allocated.</p>	39	17/07/17	
83	Moore	DCO – training for helpline operators	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> On notice can I get some information about the training levels of the people who answer those calls, similar to what we get with other phone services—the kind of expectations et cetera.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> Certainly. We can take that on notice.</p>	40	12/07/17	

84	Gallacher	Centralised Processing Services – delays and anticipated cost increases	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> The answer to question on notice No. 121 refers to 120 separate statements of work relating to this project. How many of those have been affected by the delays that you have experienced?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is your evidence today that the delays have been resolved?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> They have been resolved at this stage, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And there has been no other identification of any further risks or delays?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> When do we expect final operational capability?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> Quarter 4, 2017. So, before the end of this calendar year.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What is the nature of any cost increases referred to in answer 11?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> I do not have the details of specific cost increases. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> We know what the original budget was and you mentioned some of the contingency had been used. Do you have any further detail on that? You told us it was \$185 million with \$37 million in contingency, of which you used some contingency. Is there any explanation of the area of contingency expenditure?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> In order to manage some of those risks, we have had to access \$30 million of the \$37 million of contingency. I do not have the details about the specifics of what that was used for or the rationale for that contingency. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If you could take that on notice that would be helpful. You allowed a significant contingency amount. You expended \$30 million of the \$37 million. Is there enough contingency to get you through the project?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> We believe so.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are we seven months away from finality?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> Six months.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So, you do not anticipate having any additional costs? Do you anticipate completing this project in the funding envelope of \$185</p>	43-44	18/7/17	
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			<p>million plus \$37 million?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> That is our expectation, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> But you will update us on notice on how much contingency you have spent and where?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> We will deal with the question on notice, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> ... In respect of the 120 separate statements of work that you are monitoring, what does that look like?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> I do not have the details of that. I will address that in the response to the question on notice.</p>			
85	Gallacher	Centralised Processing Services – project changes	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What is the nature of the 10 project changes identified in the response? Are you familiar with that?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> No, I am not. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	45	19/07/17	
86	Gallacher	Centralised Processing Services – risk management plan	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do you have a risk management plan or a risk assessment process for this?</p> <p><b>Mr Mohan:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> Yes, we do.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is that available on notice?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Mohan:</b> Yes.</p>	45	18/7/17	
87	Gallacher	Additional Leidos contracts with Defence	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I would appreciate it if you could provide that on notice. We know from reports from earlier this month that Leidos has been awarded another contract with Defence worth \$20 million. What was that contract for?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> I am not aware of that particular contract.</p> <p><b>Mr Mohan:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Dowse:</b> Do you have any of the details there or should we take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I presume we have found out about it on AusTender. Quite often we only find out the dollar amount and the company. So, the questions go to, how was the contract was awarded? Was it an open approach to market, a closed tender or something else?</p> <p><b>Mr Mohan:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> On what basis was the contract awarded to Leidos? Is</p>	45	11/09/17	

			<p>this a separate project from the Centralised Processing Services contract or is it a subproject of that one? What is the value of all Leidos and Abacus Innovations contracts with Defence now?</p> <p><b>Mr Mohan:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If you can take those on notice, that finalises that issue.</p>			
88	Gallacher	Australian shipbuilding – domestic and export manufacture data	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you put on record Austal Shipping's record about Australian manufacture versus exported manufacture?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> We can get that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> They have told me that for every aluminium ship they build in Australia they build four for overseas.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Yes. They have had a long history, going back nearly 30 years, of being a successful exporter in the high-speed ferry market, in the support vessel market and patrol boats to countries around the world. They have been quite successful in that market. Also, that whole industry in Western Australia has been successful in large vessels for superyachts and ferries in a number of different countries. It is not just Austal. It is a very vibrant industry in Western Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could we get a snapshot or some more information around that? Where have they exported to? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Absolutely. I can get that information. It is not just Austal. It is a number of different shipbuilding companies in the West Australian area. Austal would be the largest, but there is a number of smaller companies who have been quite successful.</p>	53	21/07/17	
89	Ludlam	UN Security Council Resolution 2286 – changes to ADF training or activities	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> We are engaged in conflicts in really volatile parts of the world. This is the sort of stuff that we were talking about yesterday—dense urban areas with civilians all over the place. Was there any material change to ADF rules of engagement, custom, practice or training as a result of Australia signing on to that resolution?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> There will be some training that I can talk about. This is why I was trying to understand. As to the targeting side of it, we would go through the normal targeting process. There would be restricted targets that we would consider, and hospitals and all of that would be on that list because we abide by laws of armed conflict when we are going through. I was just going to narrow down whether you were talking about operational or training for our</p>	54-56	18/7/17	

			<p>people.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Right across the board.</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I do not believe that it added anything extra, but I will talk to the legal side of it. I think we would have just rolled that into our training packages and everything that we would normally do in this area. I was just trying to get exactly where you were.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> ... I will put some of these to DFAT, but I wanted to go to a couple of particular recommendations. We have the resolution and we have the secretary-general's recommendations and what flows. Recommendation 9 is 'Adopting, reviewing, revising and implementing operational precautionary measures'. I think what you are telling us is you have already done that, and so there was not a great deal of work to be done subsequent to the resolution?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> I would think, if I went back and checked our processes, procedures, targeting how we employ laws of armed conflict and our rules of engagement, we would have already been in that area. But I will check and if that is incorrect or we have adjusted something after the fact I will let you know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> ... The last one goes to recommendation 6. This one might be a bit trickier. 'Using available means of influence vis-a-vis parties to a conflict in order to ensure respect for and prevent violations of international law relating to the protection of medical care in armed conflict.' What role do we play with the allies and partners in the conflict zones that we are involved in to improve practices in other militaries in coalition and partner states, if any?</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> As part of our building partner capacity activities that we do with the nations that we are working with we roll in laws of armed conflict and rules of engagement. Those areas of education for those particular militaries is part of the training packages that we do. Plus, we participate in various international forums and so forth.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> What I might do is—</p> <p><b>Air Chief Marshal Binskin:</b> We can give you more detail on that on notice if you would like that.</p>			
90	Gallacher	Number of ICT contractors	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do we know how many are specifically involved in ICT?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> The ICT workforce, if you include contractors provided through</p>	61	19/09/17	



			<p>some of our big contracts with ICT companies, it would be about half the workforce. It would be about half the ICT workforce, which would be around 1,000.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> 1,000?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I would have to get you specific numbers, but it is of that order.</p>			
91	Gallacher	Reasons for termination of contracts	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That is the point that we are trying to get to. Of the 22 contractors that had their contracts terminated, is that because they were not performing?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Not necessarily. You would have to look at each specific contract.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Since 1 July 2016, 22 contractors have had their contracts terminated before their contract at expiry date.</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Did they finish early?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Or did they get the sack or did they not perform?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice. The termination of the contract does not imply that the contractor was sacked. It just means the contract was terminated for any variety of reasons.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> ... Going back to contractors, you have taken on notice the 22 terminations or finished early contracts and you will provide that. Were any of the contractors terminated for financial reasons, that is budget cuts or the like?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> No. I would have to check.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can we look quite specifically where these contracts were terminated?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> ... You have mentioned your overall responsibility there and your efforts, so you would be able to identify, where those contracts have been terminated, where the workforce has had to pick up the additional workload and work overtime?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> If that is what occurred we would know that. We would be able to find that out.</p>	61-63	12/07/17	

			<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you tell us how much overtime you have had, on notice obviously, since 1 July 2016?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes, we can get those figures.</p>			
92	Gallacher	ADF uniforms – breakdown of Australian manufacturers	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So the first percentage you gave was that 60 per cent of the complete requirements that are Australian made?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Overall. I could break it down into a bit more detail by prime contractors and location if you would prefer.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I will just take that on notice.</p>	66	18/07/17	
93	Gallacher	Ministerial coins	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Basically, who makes them and how much do they cost? How much input do the ministers and their offices have in designing? Do they pick their own mottos?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Indeed.</p>	67	18/07/17	
94	Gallacher	Current number of consultants and changes due to budget reductions	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is it possible to get a figure of how many consultants you have and what it will look like going forward with the reduction of \$69 million or \$68 million, whichever applies?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p>	70	18/07/17	
95	Gallacher	Definitions of and numbers undertaking non-operational travel	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps if you could take it on notice so we can get a picture of this sort of activity. How do you define non-operational overseas travel for the purposes of this measure? How many trips that would meet that definition were undertaken in the period 1 July 2016 to now? Could you also provide information on how many staff undertook non-operational overseas travel in the same period?</p> <p>In relation to business travel, what is the definition of business travel for the purposes of these measures? Is it the same as the non-operational travel?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Business travel is work related travel. You might have to go to a meeting in Melbourne. That would be business related travel. Non-operational business related travel is, in other words, the travel related to the ongoing work of the organisation.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can we have the definition of 'business travel' for the purpose of this measure on notice?</p>	71	12/07/17	

			<p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And how many trips have been undertaken from 1 July 2016 to now?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p>			
96	Kakoschke-Moore	Vietnam Veteran's Association, Renewal SA and the Badcoe VC complex	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> When was the department first advised by Renewal SA that they no longer had plans that would impact on the veterans association's ability to use the access road?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I am not sure it is the case that Renewal SA no longer have plans.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> But no imminent plans that would require the eviction of the association by June 30 this year?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I can but the key point is that it looks like we will be in a position to extend that lease. The message that I am giving you is that while we might be able to do that for a few years I think, in the longer term, there is an issue that will need to be dealt with which may go to relocation to a different site in due course.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Thank you. I do not want you to confuse my questions with my being ungrateful. I am very grateful for this advice and I am sure the Vietnam Veterans' Association will be quite relieved to hear that there is a possibility. It still needs to be confirmed, but an extension will be granted. What I am concerned about is that they were put through the stress and the uncertainty of being told they had to leave by 30 June this year. It turns out it might not have to be for another couple of years and it is because somebody else changed their mind. I am just concerned about how that played out in the background but, as I said, please do not mistake that for my being ungrateful that this information has come forward.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I will have a look and see what that time line looks like.</p>	72	17/07/17	
97	Roberts	APS staffing and redundancies	<p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Please advise the numbers of so-called executive level EL1 and EL2 employees in Defence at the end of 2004-05 and the numbers at the time of the First Principles Review in 2014-15.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What is the current salary range of EL1 and EL2 public</p>	73-74	11/09/17	

			<p>servants?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Is it around \$110,000 to \$120,000?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes, it is in that order.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> If you want a precise response, we will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Thank you. How many so-called senior executive service SES public servants were there in Defence at the end of 2004-05 and how many were there by the end of 2014-15?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What is the current salary range of SES public servants?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Was it the case that in response to the findings of the First Principles Review Defence restructured and offered voluntary redundancies to EL1 and EL2 employees from late 2015?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What about SES level employees?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> We did not have a voluntary redundancy program for SES but we did see significant movement in the SES at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> When you say 'movement', what happened?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> People left. People retired. People resigned and some people were given incentives to retire under the Public Service Act.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Do you know how many redundancies were taken?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> In the SES, 22.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> And EL1 and EL2?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What percentages of those made redundant were male and what percentage female?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> How many were offered to those of non-Anglo-Celtic descent?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> ... Is it the case that some men who applied for redundancies, whose positions were not abolished, were given them anyway, with their positions simply undergoing name changes to justify the supposed</p>			
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			<p>redundancy?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> No, I do not accept that that has happened, but we can look at that.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> ... Could I also find out how many EL1s and EL2s in Defence before the 2015 redundancy process and how many there were after the conclusion of the redundancy process in early 2016?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> It is the same with SES.</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> How many EL1s and EL2s are there currently employed by Defence right now and how many SES?</p> <p><b>Mr Sargeant:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>			
98	Lambie	Update on the Report on Mental Health of ADF Serving Personnel	<p>Could the Department of Defence provide an update on the status of recommendations it agreed or partly agreed or noted or agreed in principle with respect to the report on Mental Health of ADF Serving Personnel by the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee, together with the Minority Recommendations, issued on 17 August 2016, which include the following:</p> <p><b>Recommendation 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that Defence conduct annual screening for mental ill-health for all ADF members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office conduct an audit into the scope and accuracy of recordkeeping of relevant clinical information collected or recorded during deployment regarding mental ill-health or potentially traumatic incidents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that all veterans be issued with a universal identification number and identification card that can be linked to their service and medical record.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Health and the Department of Veterans' Affairs ensure that e-health records identify veterans</li> </ul>	Written	20/07/17	

			<p>and that GPs are encouraged to promote annual <i>ADF Post-discharge GP Health Assessment</i> for all veterans.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that Defence and DVA contact ADF members and veterans who have been administered mefloquine hydrochloride (mefloquine) during their service to advise them of the possible short-term and long-term side effects and that all ADF members and veterans who have been administered mefloquine during their service be given access to neurological assessment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the report for the Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force's inquiry to determine whether any failures in military justice have occurred regarding the Australia Defence Force's use of mefloquine be published immediately following the completion of the inquiry.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Defence ensure that medical officers and mental health professionals have ready access to records of potentially traumatic events for members following their deployment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the DVA Psychologists Schedule of Fees be revised to better reflect the Australian Psychological Societies' National Schedule of Recommended Fees and that any restrictions regarding the number of hours or frequency of psychologist sessions are based on achieving the best outcome and guaranteeing the safety of the veteran.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that eligibility requirements for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) be consolidated and broadened to include all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their immediate families (partners, children, and carers).</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that currently serving ADF members be eligible to access the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) without referral and that the VVCS reporting obligations to the ADF be limited to situations where the VVCS believes that a members' mental ill-health will</li> </ul>			
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			<p>compromise their safety or the safety of others.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that Defence mental health awareness programs do more to emphasise the benefit of early identification and treatment of mental ill-health for an ADF members' long-term career and encourage ADF members to plan beyond their next deployment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Defence and the Department of Veterans' Affairs develop a program to engage current and former ADF members, who have successfully deployed after rehabilitation for mental ill-health, to be 'mental health champions' to assist in the de-stigmatisation of mental ill-health.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Veterans' Affairs be adequately funded to achieve a full digitisation of its records and modernisation of its ICT systems by 2020, including the introduction of a single coherent system to process and manage claims.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Defence work with ex-service organisations to develop a transition mentoring program, which will connect every veteran with a trained mentor from the ex-service community to assist and guide them through the transition process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Veterans' Affairs review its rehabilitation assessment policy to ensure that junior-ranked members are not disadvantaged and all veterans are able to access rehabilitation, education, and re-skilling based on their individual needs and abilities and regardless of rank.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Veterans' Affairs identify veterans who are receiving in-patient mental health care as at risk of homelessness and provide an ongoing psychosocial case manager to actively manage an 'at risk' veteran's care program until their mental health and living situation is stable.</li> </ul>			
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			<p><b>Recommendation 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommends that the Department of Veterans' Affairs work together with the Department of Human Services and RSL Lifecare to develop a program to address veteran homelessness based on the Homes for Heroes 'housing first approach' and focus on ongoing psychosocial support.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minority Recommendation 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Defence and DVA report annually to the parliament on the 'state of mental health' of current and former ADF members including data on the rates of mental ill-health, homelessness, incarceration, suicidality, neurological conditions and any other issues or indicators relevant to instances of mental ill-health amongst defence personnel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minority Recommendation 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That funding for mental health support services for current and former ADF members are provided on the basis of need and not be subject to any arbitrary budget cap.</li> </ul>			
99	Farrell	Market Research	<p>For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department/agency on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)?</p> <p>For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subject of the market research;</li> <li>• The supplier;</li> <li>• Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts;</li> <li>• The total value of the contract;</li> <li>• The term of the contract (time);</li> <li>• The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic;</li> <li>• The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process;</li> <li>• The date the supplier was engaged;</li> <li>• Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether</li> </ul>	Written	18/07/17	



		<p>there was a full, partial or closed tender process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list;</li> <li>• Whether the Minister, or the Minister's Office, requested that the research be conducted;</li> <li>• Whether the Minister approved the decision to conduct market research;</li> <li>• Whether the Minister approved the contract with the supplier;</li> <li>• Whether the Minister or the Minister's office was consulted on questions asked;</li> <li>• Whether the Minister or the Minister's office received a copy of the market research;</li> <li>• If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other);</li> <li>• If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, did Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made;</li> <li>• At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other departments or agencies consulted?</li> <li>• At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted?</li> <li>• At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how?</li> <li>• At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change?</li> <li>• Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier?</li> </ul>			
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100	Kakoschke -Moore	Transitioning Members	<p>a. What feedback have you sought from recently transitioned, or currently transitioned members?</p> <p>b. Recommendations have been made that follow-ups are conducted to each recent ex-ADF member to ensure their transition has been successful and to determine whether they need assistance. Does the ADF see that as their role, or would this be something that DVA would assist with?</p>	Written	12/07/17	
101	Kakoschke -Moore	SeMPRO	<p>In 2012 Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick recommended the establishment of SeMPRO and made a strong recommendation for implementation of restricted reporting similar to the restricted reporting available to Defence personnel in the United States military. She emphasised the importance of restricted reporting so that victims can get prompt assistance and so that Command can get prompt information of risk situations. Defence has emphasised in previous answers to this Committee that it has adopted a version of restricted reporting suitable to the ADF's circumstances. Defence has previously stated that since SeMPRO was established in July 2013 there have been fewer than five occasions on which SeMPRO has accepted a restricted report of sexual assault within 72 hours of the assault. Defence has also informed this Committee that collection of forensic evidence is not possible after 72 hours.</p> <p>a. Given the very low numbers of restricted reports, does the Department believe that victims of sexual assault in the ADF are getting prompt assistance from SeMPRO, through reporting to SeMPRO?</p> <p>b. What is Defence's estimate of the number of members of the ADF who are victims of sexual assault by other members of the ADF each year?</p> <p>c. What is Defence's estimate of the number per year of victims of sexual assault in the ADF who do not get assistance from SeMPRO within 72 hours after an incident?</p> <p>d. What is Defence's estimate of the number per year of incidents of sexual assault by ADF members on other ADF members where Command receives no information at all about there being a risk situation?</p> <p>e. If an estimate cannot be made, how can it be determined that the scheme is assisting the right number of people?</p> <p>f. How many restricted reports within 72 hours are made in the United States</p>	Written	18/7/17	

			<p>military each year?</p> <p>g. How and why does the version of restricted reporting which the ADF has implemented differ from the United States' version?</p> <p>h. Are the differences required by Australian laws - and if yes can details of the legal requirements be provided?</p> <p>i. If not, do these differences represent policy choices? And if so why have those policy choices been made?</p> <p>j. In response to questions which I put to Defence during Additional Estimates in March 2017 statements were removed statements from the SeMPRO website which seemed to give SeMPRO a discretion to deny victims the right to make restricted reports which had been set out in the relevant Defence Instruction. Why were those restrictions curtailing the Defence Instruction based rights to make restricted reports put onto the SeMPRO website?</p> <p>k. After those changes there is still no mention on the home page of the SeMPRO website <a href="http://www.defence.gov.au/sempro/">http://www.defence.gov.au/sempro/</a> that restricted reporting is available. Is Defence satisfied that the SeMPRO website sufficiently highlights the availability of restricted reporting?</p> <p>l. Is the SeMPRO system functioning in a way that is alerting Command to risk situations given the very low numbers of restricted reports that have been received?</p> <p>m. Has SeMPRO considered the corresponding website for the United States military to see whether any lessons can be learnt about how to highlight the availability of restricted reporting.</p>			
102	Kakoschke-Moore	Defence Abuse	<p>a. Do all of the people who report abuse and subsequently leave, have a separation interview in which the reasons for their separation are noted?</p> <p>b. If yes – is this feedback provided to ADF and the Department? What was done with this feedback?</p> <p>c. If not, why not?</p> <p>d. Part 8 of answer to QON 51 (Additional Estimates 2017) refers to disciplinary action resulting from a successful finding of guilt for serious sexual assault. What actions comprise disciplinary action?</p> <p>e. That answer also refers to adverse administrative action resulting from sexual assault. What is an adverse administrative action?</p> <p>f. What is the total amount of money the Department of Defence and/or the</p>	Written	21/08/17	

			Department of Veterans' Affairs has paid out to people who have brought common law claims against that Department relating to sexual abuse suffered by that person while they were serving in the ADF?			
103	Kakoschke-Moore	Pathway to Change	<p>a. Has a review of Pathway to Change now been considered?</p> <p>b. It was stated last estimates that the proportion of women in the Defence graduate program has increased from 39 per cent in 2014 to 45 per cent in March 2017. What is the drop-out rate for women in the defence graduate program six months, and after one year? What is the rate for male graduate drop outs after six months, and after one year?</p> <p>c. Have all of those women undertaken separation interviews?</p> <p>d. What were the reasons they gave for leaving the defence forces?</p>	Written	14/07/17	
104	Xenophon	Limited Tender Contracts	<p>1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited?</p> <p>2. What was the total value of these limited tenders?</p> <p>3. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2015/16 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a limited tender contract (either in FY 15/16 or 16/17) to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any second contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.</p> <p>4. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2016/17 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a limited tender contract to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any second contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.</p>	Written	21/07/17	
105	Xenophon	Future Submarine Project – ICCPM Contracts	<p>With respect to the following contracts CN3410383, CN3408012, CN3408026, CN3396775:</p> <p>1. Noting these contracts are submarine related, why was this Defence Contract tendered through the Border Protection Services Panel and not through Defence Services Panel?</p>	Written	28/08/17	

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. What due diligence was done on ICCPM Systems?</li> <li>3. At the time of tender, how many employees did ICCPM Systems have?</li> <li>4. What is the relationship between ICCPM and ICCPM Systems?</li> <li>5. Are any of the contracted ICCPM Systems consultants fellows of the ICCPM? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, please provide the names of those consultants?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. It the time of contract signature, were any persons related to the Director/s of ICCPM Systems working inside Defence. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, in what capacity and for what organisations within Defence?</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. What SES Officers signed the PGPA Section 23 Commitment Approval?</li> <li>8. What is the nature of the services the Future Submarine Project is receiving from ICCPM Systems?</li> <li>9. Why does the Future Submarine Project require those service?</li> <li>10. Noting the perpetual role of the CASG, why are the skill sets being procured under these contracts not available in Defence?</li> <li>11. How long does Defence anticipate it will require these types of services from an external entity?</li> <li>12. Were each of the tenders associated with these contracts considered in isolation to each other?</li> </ol>			
106	Xenophon	Future Submarine Project – Contract Progress	<p>With reference to the announcement that DCNS is to be the design partner for the Future Submarine program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many project-related contracts have been awarded by Defence to DCNS (France), and what is the value of those contracts.</li> <li>2. How many project-related contracts have been awarded by Defence to DCNS (Australia), and what is the value of those contracts.</li> <li>3. How many project-related contracts have been awarded by Defence to Australian companies (excluding DCNS (Australia)) and can the following information be provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. what is the value of those contracts; and</li> <li>b. how much local content is in those contracts (by % value).</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Noting that there is a requirement to maximise Australian industry participation in the Future Submarine project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. how many project-related contracts have been awarded by DCNS (France)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	23/10/17	

			<p>to Australian companies and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. what is the value of those contracts, and</li> <li>ii. how much local content is in those contracts (by % value);</li> </ul> <p>b. how many project-related contracts have been awarded by DCNS (France) to French companies and what is the value of those contracts;</p> <p>c. how many project-related contracts have been awarded by DCNS (Australia) to Australian companies and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. what is the value of those contracts, and</li> <li>ii. how much local content is in those contracts (by % value).</li> </ul> <p>5. What data is Defence is collecting relevant data in relation to Australian industry participation to allow it to monitor and facilitate Australian industry participation in the future submarine project?</p> <p>6. How many companies (contracted or potential program participants) in France have been site visited by the Head of the Submarine Project?</p> <p>7. How many companies (contracted or potential program participants) in Australia have been site visited by the Head of the Submarine Project?</p> <p>8. In respect of the Design and mobilisation Contract please provide a list of milestones that have not been met and the magnitude of the delay.</p> <p>9. At present, what are the significant risk items in the project's risk register?</p>			
107	Xenophon	Periscope Repair Work	<p>1. Has Ezyfit Pty Ltd (Ezyfit) carried out periscope repair work?</p> <p>2. If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When?</li> <li>b. What was the nature of the repair work in each instance?</li> <li>c. Noting the testimony of Rear Admiral Sammut, has the Navy assessed the company in respect of SUBSAFE (and if not, why not?)</li> </ul> <p>3. Has Hoffman Engineering Pty Ltd carried out periscope repair work?</p> <p>4. If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When?</li> <li>b. What was the nature of the repair work in each instance?</li> <li>c. Noting the testimony of Rear Admiral Sammut, has the Navy assessed the company in respect of SUBSAFE (and if not, why not?)</li> </ul>	Written	18/07/17	
108	Xenophon	Periscope Production Capability	<p>1. Noting that Ezyfit were tendering for the Periscope Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On what dates did BAE Systems (BAE) provide reports or briefs to</li> </ul>	Written	28/08/17	

			<p>Defence in respect of Ezyfit Pty Ltd capabilities?</p> <p>b. When did Defence learn that Ezyfit had manual equipment (lathe and honing equipment) installed in its factory that was capable of carrying out the periscope work? From whom was this information obtained or gleaned from?</p> <p>c. When did Defence learn that the equipment that was being procured by way of grant and a company contribution was an upgrade to an existing capability? From whom was this information obtained or gleaned from?</p> <p>d. When did Defence learn that Ezyfit have a Coordinate Measuring Machine installed?</p> <p>e. Noting the testimony of Rear Admiral Sammut at hearing, what activities did Defence (or BAE) carry out in respect of ensuring that had:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified and fit for purpose equipment?</li> <li>Trained and qualified people to operate the relevant tools?</li> <li>Appropriate SUBSAFE knowledge and processes?</li> </ol> <p>f. Other than when a de-brief was provided by BAE to Ezyfit, on what dates in the last year did BAE site visit Ezyfit?</p> <p>g. Were the results of any BAE capability or quality assessments/audit reports or concerns in relation to Ezyfit ever provided to Defence?</p> <p>h. Is Defence aware of any BAE capability or quality assessment/audit reports or concerns in relation to Ezyfit being provided to Ezyfit?</p> <p>i. Noting the importance of Defence Industry to Defence as a formal <i>Fundamental Input to Capability</i>, what measures are Defence aware of in respect BAE fostering the company capability? What efforts were made by BAE and on what dates?</p> <p>2. Noting Defence are relying on Thales UK to deliver Collins Periscopes Tubes, what knowledge does it have of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company's machinery to turn the tube (manual or automatic and tolerances)?</li> <li>The company's hone to provide internal accuracy?</li> <li>On what date was this knowledge obtained by Defence?</li> </ol> <p>3. Noting the testimony of Rear Admiral Sammut at hearing, what activities did Defence (or BAE) carry out in respect of ensuring that Thales had:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified and fit for purpose equipment?</li> </ol>			
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			b. Trained and qualified people to operate the relevant tools? c. Appropriate SUBSAFE knowledge and processes?			
109	Xenophon	Briefing by BAE	1. Defence advised the Committee that it had met with BAE on the Tuesday prior to Senate Estimates.  a. What was the dominant purpose of this meeting? b. Who from Defence attended the meeting? c. Who from BAE attended the meeting? d. What periscope related information was provided to Defence at this meeting?	Written	18/7/17	
110	Xenophon	Periscope Value for Money	1. On what date did Defence become aware that Ezyfit had provided BAE with a quotation for the complete job of under \$10 million? 2. On what date did Defence advise the Minister of this?	Written	28/08/17	
111	Xenophon	Periscope Contracting and Schedule	1. It was reported in the Advertiser on 12 June 2012 that BAE had won a contract to replace periscope systems in the Collins Class submarines. The report suggested this contract was to replace the periscopes on one submarine and that further work to replace the remaining five submarines could flow from the activity. Is this correct? 2. What was the date of this contract? 3. What was the value of this contract? 4. At contract signature, what was the delivery date of the first periscope? 5. What Australian Industry Participation occurred in the execution of this contract (contracts to PTY LTD companies of more than \$500,000) 6. What was the delivery date of the first periscope? 7. Is the current work on foot a new contract or a variation to the 2012 contract? 8. For either case: a. When was the contract/contract variation signed? b. What was the value of the contract/contract variation? c. What was the scope of the new work? d. What were the original contracted delivery dates? e. What provisions are there in the contract to remedy inaccurate and/or incomplete sub-contracting briefing or reporting to Defence, were that to occur?	Written	28/08/17	



			<p>9. When was the BAE contract signed with Thales UK?</p> <p>10. Mr Johnston suggested discussions took place in August 2014 to develop rough order magnitude bids and that work on the process began in earnest in 2016. Why was there such a delay in the negotiations which has, prima facie, compressed the delivery time down to what appears to be 7 months?</p> <p>11. Defence advised the Committee that the first build of periscopes took 2 years. Noting that, and the relatively short delivery deadline, what gives Defence confidence that the schedule will be met?</p> <p>12. Are there any provisions in the contract to apply financial penalties in the event that the periscope is not delivered in December 2017?</p> <p>13. Are there any provisions in the contract to terminate the contract in the event that the periscope is not delivered in December 2017?</p>			
112	Xenophon	Contract Verification and Validation Thresholds	<p>It is apparent that Defence did not verify or validate the capabilities of the companies tendering the Periscope work and it is clear that there was a misunderstanding by the Navy as to the capabilities of the companies. Noting Defence can not easily mitigate performance or schedule risk in the context of a national security need:</p> <p>1. What monetary value does Defence set as a threshold for auditing the reports and reviews of a prime contractor's sub-suppliers, of conducting a site visit to the proposed supplier?</p> <p>2. What performance or schedule criticality level does Defence set as a threshold for auditing the reports and reviews of a prime contractor's sub-suppliers.</p>	Written	28/08/17	
113	Xenophon	Collins Submarine Life of Type Extension Scoping Study	<p>1. In respect of Contract number CN3396691</p> <p>a. What is the scope of work for this contract?</p> <p>b. What are the deliverables for this contract?</p> <p>c. What is the date of each delivery?</p> <p>2. In respect of Contract number CN3396856:</p> <p>a. What is the scope of work for this contract?</p> <p>b. What are the deliverables for this contract?</p> <p>c. What is the date of each delivery?</p> <p>3. Why two separate contracts?</p> <p>4. Are there any other entities external to Defence that have been contracted to</p>	Written	17/07/17	

			<p>provide input to BAEs work? , and if so, which companies?</p> <p>5. Are there any other entities external to Defence that are conducting independent Life of Type Extension Scoping Study work?</p> <p>a. What is the scope of work for each contract?</p> <p>b. What are the deliverables for each contract?</p> <p>c. What is the date of each delivery?</p>			
114	Xenophon	Future Frigate Combat System	<p>1. Mr Gillis gave evidence to the Committee that there are probably about 200 Raytheon people working on the air warfare destroyer-Aegis interface.</p> <p>a. Please describe the extent of the Interface – to what is the AEGIS being interfaced?</p> <p>b. Can Defence confirm that the it function is limited to allowing control signals and data to be transferred between the AEGIS and equipment that it is being interfaced to?</p> <p>c. How long have these 200 people been working on the interface?</p> <p>d. How much has the interface cost the Commonwealth?</p> <p>e. To whom does the intellectual property belong?</p> <p>f. Is the interface exportable?</p>	Written	21/07/17	
115	Xenophon	OPV Combat System	<p>1. It is understood that the 9LV is a scalable product. Who (e.g. Project Staff, CASG Management, Defence Leadership, the Defence Minister or Cabinet) made the decision not to include the 9LV as an option for the OPV and what was the basis for that decisions?</p> <p>2. What sensors and effectors are on the oilers being procured from Navantia?</p> <p>3. What sensors and effectors (to a generic level – e.g. navigation radar, radar, EO system, gun, SAM etc.) are planned on the OPVs?</p> <p>4. Are tenderers permitted to provide an unsolicited proposal to Defence to install a 9LV on the OPVs in consideration of the benefit to the Australian economy and commonality of systems across a large part of the RAN's fleet?</p>	Written	20/07/17	
116	Xenophon	Diving Team Nine	<p>1. How much dive tasking occurred for Diving Team Nine in FY15/16 and what was the total cost to Navy? Please provide a breakdown of that cost.</p> <p>2. How much dive tasking occurred for Diving Team Nine in this financial year to date and was the total cost to Navy? Please provide a breakdown of that cost.</p> <p>3. How much dive tasking occurred for civilian divers in SA in FY15/16 and what was the total cost to Navy?</p>	Written	19/07/17	

			<p>a. Please provide a breakdown of that cost.</p> <p>b. Please list the commercial companies engaged to carry out the tasking.</p> <p>4. How much dive tasking occurred for civilian divers in SA in this financial year to date and what was the total cost to Navy? Please provide a breakdown of that cost.</p> <p>5. Is there a requirement for classified (or sensitive) dive tasking in SA and does dive Team Nine do this classified work exclusively?</p> <p>6. Please provide a (de-identified) constitution of Dive Team Nine. For each diver please provide:</p> <p>a. Rank</p> <p>b. Rating</p> <p>c. Number of years of permanent naval service</p> <p>d. Dive experience in the permanent naval service</p> <p>e. Number of years of reserve service</p> <p>f. Dive experience in the permanent naval service</p> <p>7. What value does Navy place on previous naval experience?</p> <p>8. What is the Navy's intentions with respect to retaining Navy Dive Team Nine?</p>			
117	Carr	Maribyrnong Defence Site Contamination	<p>1. When will expressions of interest (EOI) for the Maribyrnong site development open?</p> <p>2. When will the EOI close?</p> <p>3. When does the department estimate final offers on the site will be made?</p> <p>4. Who was the consultant that determined that the Maribyrnong site was suitable for 6000 dwellings?</p> <p>5. Can a copy of the consultant's report on the Maribyrnong site please be provided.</p> <p>6. What contact has the department or the Minister's office had with Australia Zhongren Enrichment Holding Pty Ltd or Carlson Design about the Maribyrnong site?</p> <p>a. When did the contact occur?</p> <p>b. What was the nature of the communication?</p>	Written	17/07/17	
118	Carr	Williamstown	1. What is the current status of the Williamstown shipyards?	Written	18/07/17	

		Shipyards	<p>2. Does BAE currently have any contracts with Defence that are being undertaken at Williamstown shipyards? If so, what are they? When are they expected to conclude? How many workers are involved?</p> <p>3. Has the Department had any consultation with BAE about the Williamstown shipyard site? If so, what was the nature of those discussions? When did they occur?</p> <p>4. Has the Department had any discussions with the Victorian State Government about the future of the site? If so, what was the nature of those discussions? What plans were discussed for the future of the site? When did they occur?</p> <p>5. How many people are still employed at the Williamstown shipyard?</p> <p>6. What plans does the Department currently have for the future of the site? What are the options?</p> <p>7. Are there any current restrictions on the use of the site for future redevelopments?</p> <p>8. The Master Plan for Naval Shipbuilding Infrastructure shows shipbuilding yards at Osborne in SA and Henderson in WA. It shows sustainment yards in NSW, QLT, NT, WA and SA. Can you confirm that Commonwealth has abandoned any plans to use Williamstown in Victoria for any future naval shipbuilding or sustainment activities? The NSP has only one mention of the Williamstown shipyard in Victoria, noting the ANZAC frigates were built there.</p>			
119	Carr	Consultants	<p>1. At Additional Estimates in March, you advised that the budget for consultants had been reduced by \$3.6million. Is this still the case?</p> <p>a. What is the total budget estimate for consultants in 2017/18?</p> <p>b. What is the total budget estimate for contractors in 2017/18?</p> <p>2. Can you please advise the pay scale for the position of APS naval architect?</p> <p>3. Can you please advise the committee how many engineers are currently contracted to work in the Future Submarines Technical Office? What is the</p>	Written	23/10/17	

			<p>total cost?</p> <p>4. Can you advise the breakdown of male/female engineers in the technical office?</p> <p>5. In relation to the below plans, agreements and strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Naval Shipbuilding Plan</li> <li>• Australian Industry Capability Plan</li> <li>• Australian Industry Participation Agreement</li> <li>• FSM public communications strategy</li> <li>• Strategic Workforce Plan</li> <li>• Transfer of Technology Strategy</li> <li>• Quality Management Plan</li> <li>• Australian Steel Development and Qualification Study</li> </ul> <p>Please advise the following:</p> <p>a. Were any consultants engaged in the preparation /or will any consultants be engaged in the preparation or execution? If so, how many? What is the proportion out of APS staff?</p> <p>b. What is the cost/projected cost of bringing on those consultants for each project?</p> <p>c. Why was the hiring of consultants necessary? Can you please detail why the work could not be done by APS staff?</p>			
120	Carr	Australian Defence Vessel Cape Inscription	<p>1. On 6 June, Minister Pyne issued a media release regarding Australian Defence Vessel (ADV) <i>Cape Inscription</i>. Please provide details of the lease between Defence and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.</p> <p>a. How long is this arrangement expected to be in place?</p> <p>b. What is the rationale behind this arrangement?</p> <p>2. The media release states that the two ships, <i>Cape Fourcroy</i> and <i>Inscription</i> were ‘built by Austal through a lease with the National Australia Bank’. Please elaborate on this arrangement.</p> <p>a. What role does the National Australia Bank have in the procurement of</p>	Written	12/07/17	

			<p>government vessels? Is this arrangement normal? Please provide examples where this has occurred before.</p> <p>b. Who ultimately owns the vessels?</p> <p>c. What will happen to the vessels post 2020?</p>			
121	Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees including departmental officials, ministerial staff and if members of the Minister's immediate family attended – number of members (names not required);</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b>);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	18/7/17	
122	Bilyk	Departmental Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b>);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written		
123	Bilyk	Laptops	<p>a. How many laptops are currently on issue to staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio?</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided?</p> <p>c. How many new laptops were purchased by the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?</p>	Written	21/07/17	

			<p>d. What was the total cost (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b>) of purchasing laptops for staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>e. How many laptops did the Department and agencies in the portfolio have to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b>)?</p> <p>f. How many laptops were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b>)?</p>			
124	Bilyk	Executive Office Upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 March 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b> )?	Written	27/06/17	
125	Bilyk	Facilities Upgrades	Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises, or the premises of any agencies in the portfolio, been upgraded since 1 March 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written	17/07/17	
126	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	21/07/17	
127	Bilyk	Credit Cards	<p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?</p>	Written	28/08/17	

			<p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2016? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>			
128	Gallacher	Tiger ARH Performance	<p>1. What is the flying cost per hour for the ARH Tiger?</p> <p>2. How does the ARH Tiger per-hour flying cost compare to other helicopters and aircraft in the ADF's inventory?</p> <p>3. What accounts for this very high cost and what is being done to bring the cost down?</p> <p>4. The Defence Portfolio Budget Statements for 2017-18 (Budget Related Paper No. 1.4A, page 64 state that rate of effort in terms of flying hours for Tiger are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2016-17 Estimated actual: 4,800 hours</li> <li>○ 2017-18 Budget estimated: 5,050 hours</li> <li>○ 2018-19 Budget estimate: 5,300 hours</li> <li>○ 2019-20 Budget estimate: 5,300 hours</li> <li>○ 2020-21 Budget estimate: 5,300 hours</li> </ul> <p>a. What was the final rate of effort achieved by Tiger in Financial Year 2015-16?</p> <p>b. How does the cost and flying hour numbers for Tiger compare with the planned targets originally set out in the contract requirements?</p>	Written	23/10/17	



			<p>c. What gives Defence confidence that it will be able to increase the rate of effort by such a large amount between 2016-17 and 2020-21?</p> <p>5. Regarding final operating capability and the nine caveats referenced by Brigadier King at Budget estimates (30 May p12); does Defence expect that the Tiger will be able to operate from the Landing Helicopter Dock ships in time for the Amphibious Ready Element without compromising its sustainment or capabilities?</p> <p>a. What are the nine caveats?</p> <p>b. Is work being carried out by Defence and / or the equipment manufacture to remediate any of the nine caveats?</p> <p>6. In the event that the Tiger is deemed unsuitable for operations conducted from the flight deck of the LHDs, what implications does this have for force structure and the current concept of the Amphibious Ready Group?</p>			
129	Gallacher	Amphibious Ready Element	<p>1. How is ADF tracking towards the establishment of the Australian Amphibious Force?</p> <p>2. Is the ADF still expecting to achieve full operational capability and an Amphibious Ready Group in 2017?</p> <p>a. If not:</p> <p>i. When is the ADF expecting to achieve this capability?</p> <p>ii. What are the major constraints to achieving this capability in 2017?</p> <p>3. When is Defence expecting to achieve full operational capability and an Amphibious Ready Group?</p>	Written	11/09/17	
130	Gallacher	LHD and M1 Abrams Tank	<p>1. Regarding Chief of Navy's response to a question about the M1 Abrams tank and LHDs on 29 May (p 28 FADT Estimates Hansard) QUOTE: "<i>We are yet to prove the ability to carry an Abram tank.</i>" – What is the issue with the tanks, why can't they get on to the LHDs?</p> <p>a. Are the issues to do with transferring from connector ships / landing craft, swimming aboard, driving aboard from alongside or lifting them on to the vessel?</p> <p>2. Does testing for Abrams involve transfers from landing craft, swimming or</p>	Written	21/07/17	

			<p>lifting on to the LHD or has the testing to date only focused on embarking and disembarking while alongside?</p> <p>a. What other types of embarking or transferring to the LHD have been tested for M1 Abrams tanks?</p> <p>3. Is there an issue with connector ships' ramps not being able to hold the weight of an Abram?</p> <p>a. Is there a weight restriction on the connector ships or the bridges connecting them?</p> <p>b. What is the weight restriction?</p> <p>4. Is embarking and disembarking from the LHD landing craft for other land based vehicles being tested?</p> <p>a. What vehicles?</p> <p>b. How is each vehicle performing against the tests?</p> <p>c. Are any other vehicles yet to be proven for this capability?</p> <p>5. What will Navy do if Australian tanks, or other vehicles, can't get onto the LHDs – Is there a plan in place for remediation?</p>			
131	Gallacher	MRH 90	<p>1. Regarding the manual folding-back procedure for MRH-90 rotor blades, Chief of Navy stated that he expects this process to become faster QUOTE <i>"With practice and when people become more competent on it"</i> (p9 30 May FADT Estimates Hansard). How long does it take to complete this procedure now?</p> <p>2. Is the ADF looking to implement a more automated process for this procedure?</p> <p>3. How many personnel does it take to carry out this procedure?</p> <p>4. Are personnel on board the aircraft able to disembark from the aircraft before this procedure is complete?</p> <p>5. Are any personnel inside the helicopter when this procedure is undertaken?</p> <p>a. If yes: What are these personnel doing, are they taking part in the procedure?</p>	Written	18/07/17	

			<p>b. What is the role of personnel inside the helicopter when this procedure is taking place?</p> <p>6. Regarding the engine failure issues discussed during Defence Estimates (pp10-11 30 May Estimates) <i>“We are working with the original equipment manufacturer to understand at what point—or what we will need to do in the future, based on their advice. At this stage they are still investigating it and they are keeping us abreast of their investigations and their findings as they work through those.”</i> When does ADF expect to receive a response from the equipment manufacturer?</p> <p>7. Has Defence received any advice on this issue from the equipment manufacturer?</p> <p>a. If yes: What is the advice?</p> <p>8. Is there any restriction to the flying of MRH 90 while this investigation is taking place?</p>			
132	Gallacher	Centralised Processing Services Project	<p>1. Regarding a response to a question on the Centralised Processing Services project by Air Vice Marshal Dowse <i>“The acquisition cost was \$185 million excluding contingency. I think the contingency was about \$37 million. I believe we have utilised a little bit of that contingency, but still within the approved provision.”</i> (p42 Defence Estimate 30 May) how much of the contingency for this project has been spent to date?</p> <p>a. What has this contingency been spent on?</p> <p>b. Is Defence seeking additional funding to the contingency budget?</p> <p>i. If yes: What will the additional contingency be used for?</p> <p>2. Is this project still on on target to reach full operating capability in quarter four 2017?</p> <p>a. If no: what is the revised date of FOC?</p> <p>3. Regarding a response to a separate question on this project, Air Vice Marshal Dowse stated that QUOTE: “There were a lot of interdependencies between Defence and Leidos that in the early days of the project were perhaps not as</p>	Written	18/7/17	

			well managed. We now have a very strong governance over this project and, in addition to the governance of the project, the executive of CIO Group and the executive from Leidos meet on a fortnightly basis to ensure that we are managing the risks and that we are remaining on schedule.” (p43 Defence estimates 30 May). What additional governance measures have been put in place in addition to the fortnightly meeting between CIOG and Leidos executives?			
133	Gallacher	Joint Strike Fighter – Issues with Grounding the Aircraft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the impact of the grounding of Australia’s two F-35A Joint Strike Fighters in the US?</li> <li>2. How long is this grounding expected to last?</li> <li>3. What impact is the grounding having on training exercises and / or pilot training?</li> <li>4. What are the issues that have caused the grounding?</li> <li>5. How is the ADF involved in the trouble shooting and remediation processes for the issues?</li> <li>6. What is the ADF doing to remediate the issues?</li> </ol>	Written	21/07/17	
134	Gallacher	Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles in Malaysia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regarding the 63 vehicles from ordered from Malaysian dealers to replace the current fleet at RMAF Butterworth: Has ADF specified a safety rating for these vehicles (I.e. will they be ANCAP five star rated or the Malaysian equivalent)?</li> <li>2. How old is the current fleet?</li> <li>3. How many vehicles in total are in this fleet? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make-up of these vehicles?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Is the entire fleet being replaced? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If no – How is the replacement of the entire fleet being managed?</li> <li>b. Which vehicles are being replaced?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. What is the value of this purchase?</li> <li>6. How long is the new fleet expected to last?</li> <li>7. How are the vehicles being replaced disposed of? Are they traded in, sold on</li> </ol>	Written	21/07/17	

			the Malaysian second hand car market, wrecked or disposed of in another way?			
135	Gallacher	Supply of Fresh Food to ADF Personnel Deployed Overseas	<p>1. How is fresh food provided to ADF personnel deployed overseas, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Operation OKRA;</li> <li>b. Operation Accordion;</li> <li>c. Operation Manitou;</li> <li>d. Operation Highroad; and</li> <li>e. Operation Resolute?</li> </ul> <p>2. How is fresh food sourced and paid for on these operations?</p> <p>3. Are any Australian companies involved in the supply of fresh food to ADF personnel deployed overseas?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost in financial year 2016/17 to supply fresh food to the individual operations listed above?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost in financial year 2016/17 to provide fresh food to all operations?</p>	Written	28/08/17	
136	Gallacher	Base Contamination	<p>Regarding the taskforce referenced in answer to question reference number 196 from Finance and Public Administration additional estimates 2016-17 “A taskforce has been established in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&amp;C) to oversee and coordinate the whole of government response to per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination at Commonwealth owned sites and affected communities”:</p> <p>1. Does Defence participate in the taskforce? If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the Defence’s role on the taskforce?</li> <li>b. What is the scope or the terms of reference of the taskforce?</li> <li>c. What other Commonwealth agencies are represented on the taskforce?</li> <li>d. Are any state or territory entities represented on the taskforce?</li> <li>e. When and how often does the taskforce meet?</li> <li>f. Has Defence, as part of the taskforce, considered any requests for compensation from business owners in Williamtown and Oakey for losses following the PFAS contamination?</li> </ul>	Written	26/09/17	

			<p>g. Has Defence, as part of the taskforce, advised on whether compensation claims should be paid?</p> <p>i. If so, how many?</p> <p>h. Has Defence provided advice or recommendations to the taskforce regarding the buyouts of homes of residents affected by the PFAS contamination?</p> <p>i. What recommendations have been made to the task force by Defence?</p>			
137	Gallacher	Military Acquisition – Transfer of Intellectual Property and Australian Industry Content	<p>1. Regarding the Australian Industry Capability (AIC) Program – Is the program investigating or addressing how intellectual property is transferred from a supplier or manufacturer of a product to the Defence user of the product or the supply chain sustain the product?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>a. How is the program investigating or addressing this?</p> <p>b. What outcomes is the program looking to achieve?</p> <p>c. What is the scope of the investigation?</p> <p>If no:</p> <p>a. Is Defence investigating or addressing, in any other capacity, the transfer of intellectual property from a supplier or manufacturer of a product to the Defence user of the product or the supply chain sustain the product?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. How is the being investigated or addressed?</p> <p>ii. What outcomes is it looking to achieve?</p> <p>iii. What is the scope of the investigation?</p> <p>2. How many current capabilities or platforms within the ADF have intellectual property held outside Australia?</p> <p>a. Which capabilities or platforms?</p> <p>3. How does foreign held intellectual property affect:</p> <p>a. Supply chain;</p> <p>b. Sustainment;</p> <p>c. Troubleshooting of faults;</p>	Written	21/07/17	

			<p>d. Duration of downtime due to faults; and</p> <p>e. Any other aspect of a capability?</p> <p>4. Does Defence prescribe minimum Australian industry content in products it acquires?</p> <p>a. How does the Department enforce minimum Australian industry content in products it procures?</p>			
138	Kitching	AusTender Contracts under the Indigenous Procurement Policy	Is the Department aware of any tenders or contracts identified, offered and awarded or declined under the Indigenous Procurement Policy provisions, by the Department or others, such as Aurecon, sub-tendering/acting on the Department of Defence's behalf in this region?	Written	17/07/17	