

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Has the government received any request for assistance from any government seeking that the Australian government do more than simply provide money?

Ms Cross: Correspondence from some overseas countries was received by the Prime Minister. As to the exact nature of the request—whether it was just a general request for assistance or whether it went to specifics—we would need to check on the correspondence. But he certainly did receive letters.....

Senator WONG: Did those requests for assistance go beyond financial resources? Did they ask for more than money?

Ms Cross: I think we would have to check through the correspondence.

Senator WONG: Do you not remember, Ms McDevitt?

Ms McDevitt: Just a moment. I am not sure whether they were of a general nature or more specific than that, but I can take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Government has received requests for financial and other assistance, including personnel and material, from the governments of Liberia, Sierra Leone, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.