

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 24 FEBRUARY 2011**  
**Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

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1	1.3 DFAT	Trood	Report on Public Diplomacy	<b>Senator TROOD</b> —But can I also just take a minute to draw your attention to the committee's report on public diplomacy, which was tabled in August 2007, recommendation 18, which the government accepted. The recommendation was that your department would report back to the committee within two years of the report. I do not think we have heard from you in relation to that undertaking. I wonder if you could perhaps ask your department to look into whether or not you could do so. <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Certainly.	5 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
2	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Hutchins	Staff in Mr Rudd's office	<b>Mr Richardson</b> —He has a senior media adviser and he has another person who also does some media work. The minister, of course, carries responsibility for AusAID and that is effectively a separate agency. The minister also carries responsibility for the Australian secret intelligence organisation and obviously that is something which all foreign ministers have carried a responsibility for in successive governments and, as per all foreign ministers in successive governments, he has arrangements relating to that responsibility. He has one staff member who does the Middle East, Africa and South-East Asia. He has another staff member who does environment, North Asia, the Pacific and Asia regional. He has another officer who also does development AusAID work. He has a couple of them. He has an office manager. He has an executive assistant. He has someone at the reception and the like. I can get the full details, Senator, and I could, if you wish— <b>Senator HUTCHINS</b> —Yes, I would like them, yes. <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Do that for you in detail.	7-9 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
3	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Fielding	Conduct and Ethics investigations	<b>Senator FIELDING</b> —I would like to know the types. Is it cash and what are the types of the others? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Yes, I would need to take that on notice. One certainly does relate to cash, and that related to an investigation of a locally engaged staff member. That staff member was separated, and the relevant mission overseas is now considering whether and how it could formally seek the recovery of those funds. That is one particular case. Whether there are others relating to cash, Senator, I would need to take on notice. <b>Senator FIELDING</b> —Could you take that definitely on notice and go back over the last four years in terms of what categories there have actually been on a year-by-year basis? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Yes.  <b>Mr Moraitis</b> —Also we have a conduct and ethics manual, which the unit prepares for all staff to have access to, which provides all details about the gamut of conduct and ethics matters including, of course, fraud, which is a subset of conduct and ethics.	12-13 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				<b>Senator FIELDING</b> —Can that report be tabled? <b>Mr Moraitis</b> —I will take that on notice.			
4	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Fielding	Cash Management	<b>Senator FIELDING</b> —You may need to take this question on notice. Can you outline what specific controls are in place when cash is handled—in other words, when cash is taken out of the safe? Normally, from a commercial background, it needs two people to be involved. <b>Ms Thorpe</b> —We have a very similar arrangement in the Public Service. I come from a commercial background, too. We have a very similar arrangement. We have to obviously be very careful, because we are talking about public money, taxpayers' money. So we are particularly cautious. But I can take it on notice to give you some details.	13	21.04.11	23/06/11
5	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Ronaldson	Travel expenses	<b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —Will you provide me with details of any of those departmental expenses associated with those trips that I read out before? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Where we are able to get them quickly, I will do so.	22 (24/02/11)	01.06.11	23/06/11
6	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Ronaldson	Statistics on briefings/meetings	<b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —How many briefings has the minister instigated and requested from the department since he commenced? How would this compare with his predecessors? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —I would need to take that on notice. <b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —That is fine. I am quite happy about that. How many briefings or meetings has the minister instigated with the department only to cancel them at the last minute? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —I would need to take that on notice.	26 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
7	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Ronaldson	Hawker Britton	<b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —On one final matter—and I am grateful for the committee's indulgence here—has the department any contracts with Hawker Britton? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —I would need to take that on notice.	26 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
8	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Ronaldson	Conferences	<b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —When you are doing that—and if you can get me this information as quickly as possible please—could you advise me if you have but, in a general sense, can you advise me of the total expenditure on conferences both in-house—that is, held within the department or associated agencies—and externally held by the department or agencies within the portfolio on a month by month basis since March 1996? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Since March 1996? <b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —Yes. For conferences fully funded by the department and portfolio agencies and costing in excess of \$30,000: where was the venue? What was the reason for each conference? How many participants registered? Were the consultancy fees paid for the organisation of each conference and to whom were the consultancy fees paid? And what was the cost of each consultancy? Finally, for conferences part sponsored or part funded by the department and portfolio	26 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				agencies and costing the Commonwealth in excess of \$30,000: what was the cost to the department or agency? What was the proportion of Commonwealth funding as against the total cost of the conference? What was the rationale for the sponsorship or part funding? Where was the venue? How many participants registered? Did the Commonwealth contribute to any consultant organising the conference and, if so, who was the consultant? Finally, how much was the Commonwealth's consultation? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —Senator, I would need to take those questions on notice and I will not be able to give you a quick answer. That will take a long time to put together given the detail of the question and the fact that it goes back to 1996. I would not want to leave you with an impression that we will be able to respond quickly.			
9	2.1 DFAT	Trood	Consular services review	<b>Senator TROOD</b> —Your answer to the question, Mr Philp, was that it was to be resubmitted to the government. I am not quite sure—why would it be resubmitted? I do not understand what has happened here. Surely a report, having been undertaken, is then submitted. Why would you then be resubmitting it? <b>Mr Philp</b> —Perhaps I should take this on notice rather than give you— <b>Senator TROOD</b> —That is fine. I am happy for you to take it on notice. What I would like to do is have a copy of the report, please. Is there any reason why you cannot provide the committee with a copy of the report? <b>Mr Richardson</b> —We would need to take that on notice. I am not sure offhand whether it is classified or not. I am just not sure. We would need to take that on notice. <b>Senator TROOD</b> —I am happy for you to take that question on notice, Secretary.	27 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
10	1.1 DFAT	Kroger	Natural disaster assistance	What is the nature of the assistance offered by the US and UK governments for the Queensland floods and cyclone Yasi?	48	21.04.11	23/06/11
11	2.1 DFAT	Trood	Consular: Sun, Jian	<b>Senator TROOD</b> —I am sure he does. Has he asked the Australian government to make any representations on that theme, as to whether or not there can be a commutation of his life sentence? <b>Mr Philp</b> —I think I do not know the answer to that question. I can take it on notice if you wish. <b>Senator TROOD</b> —Please do.	52 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
12	1.1 DFAT	Abetz	Regional Processing Centre	<b>Senator ABETZ</b> —In this ad hoc committee dealing with a regional framework, when was the idea of an East Timor processing centre first raised by Australia? <b>Mr Larsen</b> —Right at the beginning. One of the key elements— <b>Senator ABETZ</b> —Which is what date? <b>Mr Larsen</b> —I do not have the date in front of me, but I can get it for you.  <b>Senator ABETZ</b> —Can you assure us that he raised that with every country that he met that you listed? <b>Senator Conroy</b> —We would probably have to take that on notice, I would think.	58-60 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				<p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—With every relevant country. It would be with the relevant—</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—It is either within Mr Larsen's knowledge or not.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy</b>—We will take that on notice and make sure we give you an accurate answer.</p>			
13	1.1 DFAT	Ludlam	Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—What kind of issues did the Chinese delegates raise with Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Peter Rowe</b>—I would have to refresh my memory on that. They did raise issues with us, but I would have to get back to you on that. Can I take that on notice and get back to you?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Rather than taking you through the list, would you be able to table, as I think you did last time, the list of individuals whose case you raised in the dialogue?</p> <p><b>Mr Peter Rowe</b>—If we did that before, I think we can, yes.</p>	63 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
14	1.1 DFAT	Trood	Mr Justin Hale	<p><b>Senator TROOD</b>—Has the Indonesian government made any particular observations about Mr Hale's unsuitability for a visa?</p> <p><b>Mr Borrowman</b>—That is an issue which I would like to take on notice or perhaps have a private discussion with you.</p> <p><b>Senator TROOD</b>—I am happy for you to take this on notice.</p>	69 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
15	1.3 DFAT	Trood	Australian Embassy Belgrade - website	<p><b>Senator TROOD</b>—Again, Mr Philp, you may like to stay there because this may be your problem. I want to raise some questions about the Australian embassy in Belgrade's website, which has a warning on it that says, 'Internet websites designed to look like official Australian government websites.' Are you familiar with that?</p> <p><b>Mr Philp</b>—I am not.</p> <p><b>Senator TROOD</b>—The Australian embassy website in Belgrade apparently has a warning on it that says, 'Internet sites designed to look like official Australian government websites ...' In other words, someone would seem to be rebadging themselves like the Australian government, at least in Belgrade. Is this a common problem? ...</p> <p><b>Senator TROOD</b>—The instance in Belgrade seems to be a very particular one which has come to my attention. Has there been a need to do anything in relation to his particular example?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of the specifics of the case.</p>	71 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
16	1.1 DFAT	Kroger	Mr Said Musa	What is the status of prisoner Mr Said Musa?	76 & 77	21.04.11	23/06/11
17	1.1	Macdonald	Whaling and	<b>Senator IAN MACDONALD</b> —Perhaps it is a bit too harsh on you to ask you for that	78-79	21.04.11	23/06/11

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	DFAT		Fisheries issues	<p>sort of opinion without any warning, but perhaps on notice you might be able to indicate to me where the differences are between enforcing Australia's and the world's obligations under treaties like CCAMLR in the international tribunals, as opposed to whaling. I would hope that the answer would come back that if we succeed on whaling we will succeed on these others, but I suspect you may not be able to give me that. Can you do that for me?</p> <p><b>Mr Richard Rowe</b>—Yes, absolutely. There are mechanisms and tribunals to take up the fisheries issues that you have alluded to. Let me just say that Australia is not shy at all in supporting very strong measures covering all fisheries.</p>	(24/02/11)		
18	1.1 DFAT	Kroger	Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products	<p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—It was provided from the relevant area of their department, which is the Trade Law Branch. This is the area of the Office of Trade Negotiations which is responsible for legal issues relating to trade, and in particular the interpretation of provisions of WTO and other relevant trade agreements, and how they relate to the rights and obligations of Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—It would be very helpful if you could table that advice.</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—Any such question I would have to refer to the minister.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—I will put on notice a request for that advice to be tabled. Do you have a date of when you provided that advice?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—No, I do not, off the top of my head.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—Could you provide me with that date as well?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—I can certainly provide you with the date.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—Who did you provide the advice to?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—The advice was shared with other agencies involved in this issue and whose ministers had a relevant interest.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—I hear you, but I do not think you are answering my question; either that or I might have been sitting here too long today. Who did you provide the advice to? What agencies and who were the ministers you provided the advice to?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—I will have to take that on notice.</p>	79-80 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
19	1.1 DFAT	Xenophon	Anti-dumping	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—Perhaps it is appropriate for me then to ask Senator Conroy, in terms of the mandate that Mr Gosper refers to given by governments in relation to WTO negotiations in relation to anti-dumping duties and the concerns of manufacturers and of unions in terms of job losses, to take on notice the extent to which those factors are put by government to the department to be raised at WTO meetings.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy</b>—We will happily take that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—For example, can I ask have you raised to the WTO how the current onus of proof requirement means that local manufacturers are at an immediate</p>	84-85 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				<p>disadvantage because they face a very costly process to prove dumping before an investigation can take place, rather than the onus being on the alleged dumper to prove that they are not dumping? Is that a matter that would be within the province to be raised at these meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—I do not believe so, but I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—On notice, could you provide details of the nature of that consultation and the input that you get from groups and whether that also includes unions, for instance, as well as manufacturers?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—It does and I can give you that detail.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—Yes, if you can give me the details of the nature and extent of that consultation and how regularly it takes place?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—Yes, we can give you that information.</p>			
20	1.1 DFAT	Colbeck	Anti-dumping	<p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—Indeed. There are reports that are made by the WTO from time to time on the use and initiation of anti-dumping and CVD measures. This simply records the flow of such measures rather than the significance or impact of these measures, but that certainly provides further information on these issues as they relate to the global trading situation.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Is it possible for you to provide us on notice—I think that is reasonable—direction to where we might find some of that information?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—We can provide you with such guidance.</p>	86 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
21	1.1 DFAT	Xenophon	Trade liberalisation	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—Perhaps on notice, Minister Conroy—in relation to the whole issue of trade liberalisation, when trade agreements are being entered into, to what extent does government consider the potential impact on jobs and the issues of structural adjustment? In other words, is there a systemic approach to look at these things, given the response from Mr Gosper?</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy</b>—I will take that on notice and get you the information.</p>	88 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
22	1.1 DFAT	Xenophon	Trade in goods – WTO Obligations	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—Have there been any cases such as this (<i>trade in goods produced through child labour</i>), to your knowledge, in any other jurisdictions?</p> <p><b>Mr Gosper</b>—Not that I am aware of, but I can look into that if you like.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON</b>—I would be grateful for that.</p>	91 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11
23	1.1 DFAT	Ludlam	EFIC	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Again, this is on a fairly cursory look at their website. Does EFIC look for a particular return on the dollar invested annually? Is there a specific target return on investment that they are looking for?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—As I say, they operate essentially on a commercial basis. I am not that familiar with the actual guidelines that the independent board uses in terms of whether they have a target. I know they have a target for the amount of exports that they support in a given year, but I am not sure that that target extends to a return on their</p>	92-96 (24/02/11)	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				<p>capital.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Yes, I found that. I am just wondering whether you are able to provide us with anything further on notice; that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—On notice, I am happy to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Yes. Thank you. Again, there is some stuff here on renewables. Has EFIC ever funded a major renewable energy project or renewable energy investment anywhere in the world?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—I would have to check that with EFIC. I am sorry, I could not tell you off the top of my head</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—There is open source reporting and you have civil society groups telling EFIC that this is very much directly relevant to the project, that it is displacing people and it is creating violence. I put these to EFIC the time before last or maybe even the one before that—it may be a year ago now—asking how much we care and how much we have done to validate some of the reporting that says your project, which you are investing in, is causing this violence, and what we had done to validate that. I recognise you are not here with all the facts at the table, which is why it would be good to have EFIC here. What I am mainly seeking is to find out what we have done to verify?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—I would be happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I understand the security assessment for this project was completed by Control Risks Asia Pacific, and they concluded—presumably this is before EFIC made its investment on behalf of all of us—that security risks would be manageable if their recommendations were implemented. Can you maybe table what their recommendations were together with advice as to whether these recommendations have been implemented to date?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I have been asking you about real and present impacts of PNG LNG. This is an investment we made in the 1990s. Do we carry any kind of long-term responsibility if we have enabled a project when things go seriously wrong as they have at this one?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—Again, I probably should take this on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Was the one (review of EFIC) that was done in 2006 made public?</p> <p><b>Mr Tighe</b>—I honestly cannot remember. I do not know. I would have to take that on</p>			

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				notice, I am sorry  <b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —Could I invite you to just provide us with a bit more detail about the review you have just foreshadowed? Who will conduct it and what the possibilities would be of that being put into the public realm once it is done? <b>Mr Tighe</b> —Sure.			
24	1.1	Colbeck	EFIC	<b>Senator COLBECK</b> —I would like to ask a couple of quick questions on a meeting between EFIC, Gunns and the Department of Agriculture and to get a characterisation of that meeting. Could you give me a sense of the discussions that were conducted at that meeting? I sense that might be difficult since you are not specifically from EFIC. It was, I think, conducted between the CEO, the chair of Gunns and the Department of Agriculture. <b>Mr Tighe</b> —Yes, I am aware there was a meeting ... <b>Senator COLBECK</b> —Do you know when the meeting was actually held? <b>Mr Tighe</b> —I saw a reference to it on Google, and I understand the meeting was held on 9 January this year, but I do not know that for sure. I am getting that off the web. So, that is a media speculative— <b>Mr Richardson</b> —We will take that question on notice. <b>Senator COLBECK</b> —That is fine. You are going to have to take this on notice, too. I would just like to get a sense of the parties present as part of that meeting or if it was confined to the group that I have mentioned, being those three, and any discussions with potential joint venture partners as part of that process. <b>Mr Tighe</b> —I will take it on notice.	97	21.04.11	23/06/11
25	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Australian Embassy in Kabul	Why has the Australian Government not published the location of the Australian Embassy in Kabul? Is the Government aware of that every other embassy/mission in Kabul has published the details and the addresses? Is the Government aware the personal details for the 2iC in charge of the Embassy in Kabul, are publicly available on the web? Does the Department consider this may constitute a security risk to the officer concerned?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
26	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Security Services for the Australian Embassy in Kabul	I understand that a new contractor has been awarded the contract for the provision of security services for the Australian Embassy in Kabul (Unity Resources Group). Why have the costs increased almost six hundred percent from the previous contract?  I refer to Addendum 27.01.2009 - <i>Communications to and from Governments by the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights. "10. The Working Group thanked the Australian Government for its letter dated 4</i>	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11



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				<i>December 2007 and indicated that it would welcome detailed information from the Australian Government on the following questions: (1) What is the nationality of the employees of Unity Recourses Group involved in the incident of 9 October 2007? (2) has there been any investigation from the part of the Australian Government regarding the death of the 72-year-old Australian national, in March 2006?"</i> Did the Government respond to the questions? What assurances did it provide?			
27	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Legal services expenditure	Can the Department explain why the legal services expenditure for the department has increased from \$6 082 601 in 2008-09 to \$9,810,222 in 2009-10?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
28	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Security clearances	Who performs the security clearances for DFAT? Does DFAT use the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSSVA)? Is this done externally, by other agencies and or/private company/ies? If so, which agencies or private organisations participate in this vetting?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
29	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Language proficiency and training	How many Australia-based DFAT personnel are professionally proficient (S3R3) in a foreign language? What is the estimated departmental expenditure on language training in 2010-11? How many DFAT staff are proficient in Asian languages? How many and what proportion of staff posted overseas are proficient in the native language of the country of their posting?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
30	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Trood	Appointment of Ambassadors	How many current Ambassadors or High Commissioners have had to have their appointments extended? Please list each Head of mission and advise the length of their extension. Please explain the reasons for these extensions.	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
31	1.1 DFAT	Birmingham	Cambodia: Mr James Ricketson	Why has the Department of Foreign Affairs neither responded to this request (to film an ODA project as part of the LOSING GROUND documentary) nor acknowledged receipt of the letter in which it was made? Mr Ricketson has several times requested that Mr Rudd or some representative of DFAT speak on camera for his documentary about Australian aid to Cambodia and elsewhere in the world. His requests have been refused. Why? Will Mr Ricketson be provided with a list of Overseas Development Assistance projects—along with the budgets attached to them? Why has Mr Ricketson not been allowed to interview and film officials and AusAID program workers? In what circumstances are film makers or journalists allowed to interview and film such officials or workers? Have other filmmakers or journalists been allowed to visit, document or film AusAID programs? Please detail the circumstances of any approvals granted.	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11

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32	1.1 DFAT	Brown	Whaling and Wikileaks	<p>Are the quoted comments from Ms Watt accurate?</p> <p>What information did Ms Watt have to lead to this conclusion before the AMSA investigation had concluded?</p> <p>Was Ms Watt or other department officials briefed by AMSA before the final report was released?</p> <p>Was Ms Watt or other department officials involved in any way in the AMSA investigation?</p> <p>Why at no stage in the conversations between the Australian embassy and Japanese government representatives about Sea Shepherd's activities in the Southern Ocean did the Australian embassy call attention to the illegality of Japan's actions in the Southern Ocean?</p> <p>Why did the Australian embassy not point out to the Japanese government representatives that Sea Shepherd had not been convicted of any illegal activities in relation to their protests against Japan's illegal whaling?</p> <p>Is it true that before the Sea Shepherd vessels left Australia in 2010 to monitor illegal whaling in the Southern Ocean, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Department of Foreign Affairs notified the crews and told them not to expect any consular services or assistance?</p> <p>Does the department and AMSA give all ships this advice?</p> <p>If not, which vessels were given this advice in 2010?</p>	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
33	1.1 DFAT	Brown	Western Sahara	<p>Has the department raised human rights abuses in Western Sahara with the Moroccan Government?</p> <p>Does the department support extending the mandate of the UN mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) to include human rights monitoring?</p> <p>Does the department have any information about Morocco mining illegally in Western Sahara?</p> <p>Is the department aware of any Australian companies importing phosphate from Western Sahara through Morocco?</p>	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
34	1.1 DFAT	Brown	Sri Lanka: Palitha Kohona	<p>Has DFAT investigated war crime allegations against Australian citizen Palitha Kohona?</p> <p>Has DFAT contacted the Sri Lankan government or the UN to investigate the allegations?</p> <p>Would Mr Kohona be eligible for diplomatic and other support if he appeared before an international war crimes trial?</p> <p>Are there measures to revoke citizenship when someone is convicted of a war crime?</p>	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
35	1.1 DFAT	Colbeck	Trade: Rock Lobsters	<p>Can the Department provide trade figures (quantity and value) for Australian lobsters sent to China for the following months/years: November–2008, 2009, 2010</p>	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				December–2008, 2009, 2010 January–2009, 2010, 2011 February–2009, 2010, 2011 March–2009, 2010, 2011. If possible, can the trade figures for these same periods be cross-referenced with the Chinese port by which the lobsters entered? To what factors does the Department attribute the drop off in trade of lobster exports to China during November-December 2010?			
36	1.3 DFAT	Kroger	Australia Network	In November 2010, Foreign Minister Rudd announced a new ten year contract for an Australia Network. Has this contract been awarded? Who submitted tender documents? How was the tender assessed and by what criteria?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
37	1.1 DFAT	Birmingham	Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products	In light of the government's pursuit to introduce plain packaging of tobacco products documents released under Freedom of Information from IP Australia appear to show that negotiators on the World Trade Organisation's international intellectual property agreement, TRIPS, believe it was negotiated to stop policies like plain packaging. Can you advise if the government has sought legal advice on the matter internally or externally, and what the conclusion of the advice was? In light of this policy has the government sought the opinion of the World Trade Organisation or the World Intellectual Property Organisation on the legality of plain packaging? Considering Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and only weeks before the government announced it would introduce plain packaging, Lithuania, have all previously rejected plain packaging on international intellectual property grounds, can you advise on what legal grounds Australia has managed to find the legal advice of these countries has been wrong?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
38	1.1 DFAT	Trood	Visit by Indonesian Foreign Minister	Who participated in discussions with the Foreign Minister? What issues were raised and discussed? Did the Indonesian Government indicate when it will pass its people smuggling laws? What explanation was offered for the delay in implementing these laws? Was the issue of the regional processing centre discussed? Does the Indonesian Government support Australia's proposal to establish a regional processing centre in Timor-Leste?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
39	1.1 DFAT	Trood	Act of Settlement	British plans to amend the Act of Settlement were first raised with Australia by the Brown government in early 2009 – what position did the government take on the UK proposals? Has the Cameron government discussed with Australia its plans to amend the Act of Settlement?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11

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				Is the government's intention to support these plans?			
40	1.3 DFAT	Trood	Public diplomacy	What are the key components of DFAT's public diplomacy program since the end of the Shanghai World Expo? What resources are being directed towards public diplomacy, excluding the Australia Network? Has Australia conducted any recent opinion polls on foreign publics' attitudes to Australia? In which countries? What have been the costs? What steps has DFAT taken to employ digital outreach techniques to engage publics overseas?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
41	2.1 DFAT	Trood	Consular services challenges	Given the Secretary's observations in Estimates that the Department will face further challenges in responding to the consular challenges it faces, how does DFAT intend to respond to this challenge?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
42	2.1 DFAT	Trood	Consular: Brennan Review	Who conducted the review? How much did it cost? What were the outcomes of the review? How many recommendations were made? Who has access to the review? What changes has the Department made as a consequence of the review?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
43	2.1 DFAT	Trood	Consular: Palfreeman, Jock	What consular support has Jock Palfreeman and his family been offered by Australian consular officials? Where is he being detained?  Has the Embassy been able to have regular access to him? How many times? For how long? Is he able to receive visits from friends and relatives? How often has this occurred?	Written	21.04.11	23/06/11
44	DFAT Portfolio Overview	Ronaldson	Ministerial travel expenses	<b>Senator RONALDSON</b> —Thank you, and thank you, Senator Trood. Mr Richardson, I am sure that this information is readily available and I would be grateful if you could get it to me as soon as possible. In relation to Mr Rudd's trip to Washington DC and New York announced on 17 September last year, Mr Rudd's trip to Japan, Belgium and Italy announced on 12 October last year, Mr Rudd's trip to China and the Republic of Korea announced on 29 October last year, Mr Rudd's trip to the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan and Bahrain announced on 29 November last year, Mr Rudd's trip to Indonesia, the Middle East and South Africa announced on 7 December last year and Mr Rudd's trip to Africa and Europe announced on 24 January this year, could you get me, urgently please, the total cost of the travel, accommodation and any other expenses associated with all those trips? Also in relation to all those trips, can you provide me with information as to who accompanied the minister and, for each of those people, the total cost of their travel, accommodation and any other expenses? I am sure	22 (24/02/11)	Question passed to Department of Finance 28/02/11  DFAT consulted with DOFTA.  The	23/06/11

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				<p>that is readily available.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—Senator, I would not be able to provide you with that speedily or readily because we are not responsible for it. Travel costs for ministers are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation and you will need to direct that question to them.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON</b>—You surely would be happy to ask that of Finance?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—No, it is their responsibility. We are like any other department. That is an arrangement that has been in place under successive governments for a long time. It is not a new arrangement relating to Mr Rudd.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON</b>—I appreciate what you are saying. But we are at Senate estimates and I have asked you to refer that request, if it is not your responsibility, to another department and you are refusing to do so.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON</b>—Okay. Well, will you do it for me?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—Senator, if you wish me to refer it I will refer it.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON</b>—That is what I just asked you.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson</b>—I will refer it on your behalf.</p>		question is still under consideration by DFAT.  01.06.11	
45	Portfolio Overview DFAT	Trood	Mr Rudd's Travel	<p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to Washington DC and New York, announced on 17 of September 2010; what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to Japan, Belgium and Italy, announced on 12 October 2010; what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to China and the Republic of Korea, announced on 29 October 2010; what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan and Bahrain,</p>	Page 7 & written	01.06.11	23/06/11

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				<p>announced on 29 November 2010; what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses. Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to Indonesia, the Middle East and South America, announced on 7 December 2010; what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses. Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Rudd's trip to Africa and Europe, announced on 24 January 2011, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses. Who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.</p>			
46	1.1 DFAT	Xenophon	RAMSI	What has been the cost of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands following the 2003 crisis?	Written [Transferred from AusAID]	21.04.11	23/06/11