

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – Supplementary Budget Estimates, 20-21 November 2013

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Q No	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written	Date recd.	Date tabled
1.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Milne	People smuggling	<p>In relation to Lieutenant-Commander Sanjeewa Annatugoda, the Sri Lankan naval officer now in custody accused as a key player in people smuggling operations to Australia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the Department become aware of the case of Annatugoda? 2. Did Annatugoda have direct contact with Australian Government officials? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Specifically, did Annatugoda brief members of the Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka? b. If so, whom did he brief? Did this group include High Commissioner Robyn Mudie? c. When did these brief(s) occur? d. What was the purpose of these brief(s)? e. Was Annatugoda a recipient of training by the Australian Government? f. Was Annatugoda paid money by the Australian Government? 3. Has the Department investigated if information was given to Annatugoda or other members of the Sri Lankan navy accused of involvement in people smuggling? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what was this information? 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
2.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Milne	Antarctic Treaty	Is the department aware of a 21 October 2013 news report in the Sydney Morning Herald quoting the Australian Strategic Policy Institute which questions whether the Chinese government could use its Antarctic base for intelligence gathering? If so, what are Australia's options under the Antarctic Treaty for dealing with	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				countries which act in contravention of the treaty?			
3.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Milne	Antarctic Treaty	The news report also alleges that abuses of the Antarctic Treaty's controls on use of military personnel have occurred. Is this true? If so, what action was taken by treaty signatories? If not, does Australia intend to instigate investigations into the allegations?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
4.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Di Natale	Aid	Australia made a commitment of \$80 million to the Polio Eradication Initiative in May 2013, to cover the 2014-2018 eradication drive, which was additional to \$50 million Australia had pledged for 2011-2014. 1. How much of these pledges has been disbursed in 2013-14, and what is the outstanding amount from the Australian pledge?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
5.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Di Natale	Aid	The Australian aid programme recently ceased funding the Mae Tao Clinic on the Thai Burma border, run by the Sydney Peace Prize Winner Dr Cynthia Maung. 1. Considering the importance of this clinic in the health of the Burmese people and the support of the clinic by the Thai government, what are the prospects for this funding to be re-instated next year?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
6.	DFAT - PAD	Senator Dastyari	RAMSI	Does DFAT (or any another agency) intend to provide a summary report of all funding and all programs that Australia has provided to RAMSI since operations began in July 2003 (until the end of the 2012-13 reporting period)?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
7.	DFAT – PAD/PDD	Senator Dastyari	RAMSI/Integration	Can the new amalgamation of DFAT and AusAID please provide the Committee with a list of all programs and all funding over the 10 year life of RAMSI, that specifically clarifies which government departments (or agencies) have funded each initiative or program.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
8.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	What changes are proposed to Consular resourcing over the next 5 years?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
9.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Which posts are expected to grow in priority or consular workload? Which posts are expected to decline?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
10.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Has the incoming government asked DFAT (or any other government agency) to consider or evaluate a “consular levy”?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
11.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Is there a formal (or informal) policy for high level representation or assistance in Consular cases provided to Ministers? (<i>i.e. political interference in local legal and court cases</i>)	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
12.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Does DFAT provide policy advice to all parliamentarians regarding their possible representation or assistance in Consular cases, or is	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				policy advice provided on a case by case basis?			
13.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Is there a formal, presumably inter-departmental, evaluation procedure for determining whether to evacuate Australian nationals?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
14.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Is there a policy threshold to (offer to) evacuate Australian citizens as a result of a crisis (Egypt 2011)?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
15.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular	Is there a policy threshold to evacuate Australian citizens as a result of civil disobedience (Thailand 2008)?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
16.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Dastyari	Consular (Phuket)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Australian tourists arrive in Phuket each month? 2. What was this number 10 years ago? (monthly arrivals of Australian citizens) 3. What resources have DFAT allocated to the changing nature of the Consular workload in Phuket? 4. What research has DFAT (or any other government agency) done into the changing nature of the Consular workload in Phuket? 5. What is the current status of the proposal to upgrade the Phuket <i>Honorary Consulate</i> to a full Consulate? 6. On 30 September, Australian Honorary Consul Larry Cunningham retired after eight years of public service. What is known of allegations that Mr Cunningham was threatened by local government official prior to his retirement? 7. In cases where Honorary Consuls, who are presumably outside of the normal protections offered to Diplomats and Consular officials under international agreements, are threatened in the course of performing their duties – what assistance or protection can the Australian government offer? 8. DFAT has advertised for a replacement for Mr Cunningham in the Phuket press, can confirm whether you are having any difficulty filling the position? (<i>given that the threats against him are well known</i>)? 9. Can DFAT advise whether the Minister was briefed on this issue before the November estimates hearings? 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
17.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Boswell	Aid	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total amount of Australian aid funds expended in 2012-13 on activities which allow for the provision of abortion services? 2. Please specify the amounts given to each agency which was funded in 2012-13 for activities involving the provision of abortion 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>services.</p> <p>3. What is the total amount of Australian aid funds budgeted to be expended in 2013-14 on activities which allow for the provision of abortion services?</p> <p>4. Noting the answer to my written question on notice number 45 for the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates, if it is not possible to identify where and on what International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and IPPF South Asia spend AusAID funding because it is pooled alongside other donor funds, how is it possible to ensure that not a single Australian dollar is expended on abortions performed solely because of the sex of the child or on late term abortions performed for social reasons?</p>			
18.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	Trades in Services Agreement	<p>1. What is the status of these negotiations?</p> <p>2. What countries are currently involved in these negotiations?</p> <p>3. Are there any additional countries who are seeking to join negotiations for this agreement?</p> <p>4. What is the status of the public consultations process?</p> <p>5. Who has participated in the public consultations?</p> <p>6. What issues have been raised in the public consultations to date?</p> <p>7. When is the next round of negotiations scheduled to take place?</p> <p>8. What is the relationship between this TISA agreement and the Doha Round trade talks happening in December?</p> <p>9. Has an industry representative been appointed to be involved in these negotiations?</p> <p>10. If so, who is it and how were they appointed? What are they paid? Who pays for their travel, if required?</p> <p>11. Has a special envoy been appointed?</p> <p>12. If so, who is it and how were they appointed? What are they paid? Who pays for their travel, if required?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
19.	DFAT - FTD	Senator Wong	Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement	<p>1. What is the status of the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement negotiations?</p> <p>2. What industry consultation has taken place so far on this agreement?</p> <p>3. When is the next round of negotiations scheduled to be held?</p> <p>4. Has a special envoy been appointed?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>5. If so, who is it and how were they appointed? What are they paid? Who pays for their travel, if required?</p> <p>The Coalition stated it would “devote increased resources within DFAT to fast track the conclusion of free trade agreements”. What resources have been reallocated to the India FTA?</p>			
20.	DFAT - ASNO	Senator Wong	Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Negotiations	<p>1. What is the status of the Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement negotiations?</p> <p>2. Will the Government place the same level of conditions on India as it does on other countries with whom Australia sells uranium?</p> <p>3. The Coalition’s Policy for Trade states that it “will seek to provide a greater voice for local industry through the appointment of at least one industry representative who will be directly included in the negotiation of free trade agreements”. Has an industry representative been appointed to be involved in these negotiations?</p> <p>4. If so, who is it and how were they appointed? What are they paid? Who pays for their travel, if required?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
21.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	Doha WTO round	<p>1. Will the Minister be attending the Doha round in Bali this December?</p> <p>2. How many staff will accompany him, personal and departmental?</p> <p>3. What industry consultations have taken place in regards to the topics of consideration for this round?</p> <p>4. Are industry representatives being appointed for multilateral trade negotiations?</p> <p>5. If so, will they be appointed in time for the December negotiations?</p> <p>6. Have additional resources also been devoted within DFAT to facilitate agreement of multilateral WTO agreements? (In terms of extra funding, or FTE equivalent)</p> <p>7. What is the timeline for meetings for Doha for the 2014 calendar year?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
22.	DFAT - FTD	Senator Wong	China-Australia Free Trade Agreement	<p>1. What non-trade barriers have been identified by industry which impact on market access to China?</p> <p>2. Will these barriers be subject to negotiation during the China-Australia free trade agreement</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>3. When will be the next round of consultations with industry, given the Prime Minister's commitment to see this agreement finalized within the next 12 months?</p> <p>4. The Coalition stated it would "devote increased resources within DFAT to fast track the conclusion of free trade agreements". What resources have been reallocated to the China FTA?</p>			
23.	DFAT - PAD	Senator Wong	PACER Plus	<p>1. Please outline the Government's approach to the PACER Plus negotiations.</p> <p>2. What is the schedule for meetings and negotiations?</p> <p>3. What consultations have taken place in Australia with relevant stakeholders since September 7?</p> <p>4. Are any further consultations scheduled for the remainder of the financial year?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
24.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Wong	Travel	<p>1. Is Minister Robb required to seek approval from the Prime Minister or his office prior to all overseas visits?</p> <p>2. What are the total costs of Minister Robb's overseas travel to date including for his personal and departmental staff?</p> <p>3. At what class are they flying for these overseas visits?</p> <p>4. What is the standard of room Minister Robb requires when travelling overseas for his ministerial duties.</p> <p>5. Are there any special requests Minister Robb has made in regards to his personal room or travelling office while overseas?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
25.	DFAT - TED	Senator Wong	Foreign Investment	<p>1. Is there a formal relationship between DFAT and Treasury (agreed in a memorandum of understanding or similar) in relation to responsibility of foreign investment?</p> <p>2. If not, why not?</p> <p>3. Please outline the Government's policy on thresholds for both agricultural and non agricultural investment.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
26.	DFAT - TED	Senator Wong	Annual Statement on Investment	<p>1. With reference to the Coalitions policy that "the Minister will make an annual statement to Parliament outlining the quantum of new investment in Australia". When will the Minister be making a statement to the Parliament?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
27.	DFAT - TED	Senator Wong	Ministerial Advisory Council	<p>1. What is the timeframe around appointing members to the Trade Advisory Council?</p> <p>2. What is the process being followed to appoint council members?</p> <p>3. What resources will the council receive once established?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

28.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement	<p>1. What meetings have been scheduled at both a ministerial and officials level for the next twelve months?</p> <p>2. What consultations with stakeholders have been scheduled for the next twelve months?</p> <p>3. Please advise of the process involved in 'legal scrubbing' and indicative timeline once draft text is received.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
29.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS	<p>a) The Foreign Minister has responsibility for international climate change negotiations - why didn't the Foreign Minister attend the latest round of talks in Warsaw?</p> <p>b) Did the Department advise against the Minister attending the talks?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
30.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	UN VOTING	<p>a) Please provide a list of all the votes currently before the UN for Australia's consideration</p> <p>b) Has the Government changed Australia's voting intention on any of these votes?</p> <p>c) If yes, which ones?</p> <p>d) Why?</p> <p>e) Is the Government's change in Australia's voting intention consistent with advice and recommendations from the Department?</p> <p>f) How does the Government plan to make the most of Australia's membership of the Security Council and how will the Government define a successful term for Australia on the UN Security Council?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
31.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	<p>a) Can you please provide a list of current membership of international organisations managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?</p> <p>b) Can you please provide details of the Australian Government contributions to these organisations, including assessed and voluntary contributions.</p> <p>c) Can you confirm any changes to membership arrangements since the election?</p> <p>d) Can you clarify whether any changes to membership are under consideration - is Australian membership of any of the organisations under review?</p> <p>e) Can you provide details of when assessed and voluntary payments fall due for each organisation.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
32.	DFAT - PDD	Senator	Aid (Regional	a) Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Wong	Programs)	of all programs under the PNG and Pacific Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16?			
33.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Wong	Aid (Regional Programs)	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the East Asia Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
34.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Wong	Aid (Regional Programs)	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and other Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
35.	DFAT - HSD	Senator Wong	Aid (Regional Programs)	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the Emergency, humanitarian and refugee Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
36.	DFAT - IPPD	Senator Wong	Other Programs	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the Multilateral Replenishments Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
37.	DFAT - IPPD	Senator Wong	Other Programs	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the UN, Commonwealth and other International Organisations Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
38.	DFAT - ADCPD	Senator Wong	Other Programs	Could the Department please provide the Committee with a list of all programs under the NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs Program, including funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
39.	DFAT- CMD	Senator Wong	Staffing	a) What was the FTE staff establishment for the department – that is, what was the establishment as at the 2013/14 budget? b) Please provide details of FTE numbers by division? c) Please provide details of the actual staffing levels in each division as at the 2013/14 Budget? d) Can you please provide the FTE staff establishment for the department by division now that AusAID has been integrated into the Department? e) How many former AusAID employees were moved to DFAT	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>under the machinery of government changes?</p> <p>f) Please provide details of the number of staff that were employed by DFAT on fixed term contracts or were employed on a temporary basis as at the election?</p> <p>g) Please provide details of the number of staff that were employed by AusAID on fixed term contracts or were employed on a temporary basis as at the election?</p> <p>h) Please provide details of the number of staff who are now employed on contract or other non-ongoing basis? How many of these are former employees of AusAID?</p>			
40.	DFAT- CMD	Senator Wong	Contracts	<p>1. Is the department currently involved in any process to contract out or outsource any current functions? If so:</p> <p>a) What functions?</p> <p>b) How many staff are needed for this work?</p> <p>c) Why is it not being done in-house?</p> <p>d) What is the estimated cost of this work?</p> <p>2. Do you have any people working in the department as external contractors, who aren't included in the head count in the annual report?</p> <p>a) How many?</p> <p>b) What work are they undertaking?</p> <p>c) Do you expect this number to change?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
41.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Wong	Charter Letters	Has the Minister received a charter letter from the Prime Minister or is it expected that a charter letter will be received by the Minister?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
42.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Wong	Ministerial division of responsibility	<p>a) Can you detail the division of responsibilities between the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary?</p> <p>b) What is the division of responsibility between the Minister and the Minister for the Environment on international climate negotiations?</p> <p>c) If the Australian Government had sent a Cabinet Minister (rather than a departmental officer) to the Climate Change discussions in Warsaw – would it have been the Minister for Foreign Affairs?</p> <p>d) Can the Department therefore confirm that ministerial responsibility for representing Australia at the 2015 talks in Paris would rest with Minister Bishop?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>e) Is the responsibility between Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs finalised or could they change? For example on receipt of a charter letter from the Prime Minister?</p> <p>f) Where are these arrangements on responsibilities recorded – where can we find them?</p>			
43.	DFAT- CMD	Senator Wong	REGULATORY REFORM POLICY	<p>a) Regarding the Government’s regulatory reform policy announced before the election -What methodology will this department use to calculate the cost of regulation within the portfolio?</p> <p>b) The policy suggests there will be a standard approach based on a model used in Victoria?</p> <p>c) The policy requires the department to establish a dedicated unit led by an officer of at least SES1 level?</p> <p>d) Has the unit been established, how many staff have been assigned to this new unit and from where have the staff be redeployed?</p> <p>e) Is this a full time job for these officers?</p> <p>f) Is the officer who is heading this new unit available for appear?</p> <p>g) According to the policy (the Secretary) will set a specific regulatory performance target both in terms of the number of regulations to be cut and the extent of the impact of those regulations?</p> <p>h) Has that target been set for this department yet?</p> <p>i) If so, what is the target?</p> <p>j) If no, when do you expect to finalise this target?</p> <p>k) The performance in this area is to be linked to SES pay and also the reappointment of departmental secretaries?</p> <p>l) How will this work – will missing the target result in a pay cut for SES officers?</p> <p>m) The policy also requires this Department to establish a Ministerial Advisory Council –What is the process for establishing this new council?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
44.	DFAT-CMD	Senator Wong	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM	<p>a) How many discretionary grants programs are managed by this portfolio?</p> <p>b) Could the Department provide a list of these programs?</p> <p>c) In each case how are they administered – who is the decision</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>maker?</p> <p>d) In relation to each of these programs is there an advisory body that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications – get the details of who is on them etc?</p> <p>e) Were these bodies in place before the election – have there been any changes in operation or membership since the election?</p> <p>f) Has there also been a pause in the release of funding for grants under these programs – for example because of a review of spending in the Department - if so, what are the details?</p> <p>g) What advice has been provided to stakeholders about the nature and purpose of the pause?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have grant applicants or current recipients been advised about this in writing? ▪ Can you provide an example of the advice provided? <p>h) If there has been a pause or review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does this pause include grants that had been advertised but not yet finalised? ▪ Does this pause include grants where decisions had been finalised but recipients had not yet been notified ▪ If so, is there an indicative timeline as to when successful recipients of grants can expect to hear from the Government? <p>i) Since the election has there been any change to these assessment processes and decision making arrangements?</p> <p>j) Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause?</p> <p>k) Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program?</p> <p>l) If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions?</p> <p>m) How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted? What are the details?</p> <p>n) What was the process used to identify a grant or a program that would be excluded from the pause?</p> <p>o) Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause?</p>			
45.	DFAT -CMD	Senator Wong	Budget (Savings Options	<p>a) Since the last election has the department been requested to develop a savings options either by the Minister or Prime Minister and Cabinet or Treasury or Finance?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				b) If so, when was the request made and has that work been completed?			
46	DFAT- ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Warsaw Mechanism)	<p>a) Does Australia support the establishment of the “Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage” as agreed in Warsaw?</p> <p>b) Does Australia accept the decision of the Conference of Parties that it is “to address loss and damage associated with impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change”?</p> <p>c) Has the Government consequently accepted this decision that increased extreme weather events like bush fires and cyclones are the result of climate change?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
47.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Durban Platform)	<p>a) In the decision on further advancing the Durban Platform it was agreed that countries “revisit its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target under the Convention and, if it is also a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, its quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, if applicable, in accordance with decision 1/CMP.8, paragraphs 7–11” what is Australia doing with regards to this commitment?</p> <p>b) What consultation will be undertaken and how will the process be transparent?</p>		21/1/2014	13/2/2014
48.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Warsaw Climate Targets)	<p>a) It was agreed in Warsaw that post 2020 targets would be worked on and Governments were asked ‘to communicate them well in advance of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (by the first quarter of 2015... in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of the intended contributions”, how is the Department preparing to meet this requirement?</p> <p>b) What consultation and modelling will be undertaken? Will the Department use the work of the Climate Change Authority for this process?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
49.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Warsaw Decisions)	a) In the Warsaw decisions it was stated that "climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies, future generations and the planet, that continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				changes in all components of the climate system and that limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions" does this reflect the Australia's position? b) What does Australia understand by 'substantial and sustained reductions' in relation to Australia's emissions to 2030 and 2050?			
50.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change - Finance	a) How important do other nations see the issue of international climate finance in getting a global agreement signed? b) Does the agreement originally in Copenhagen to scale up to \$100 billion of private and public international climate finance by 2020 still remain Australia's position? c) What is Australia's position on the Green Climate Fund? d) Does Australia support the decisions reached at Warsaw in relation to the fund? e) Does Australia accept that this commitment means scaling up the level of international climate finance from levels achieved as part of our fast start financing? f) Does Australia's share of the fast start finance commitment form the basis of our share of the long term finance commitment? g) What is the expected amount of international climate finance over the forward estimates? h) Australia has stated it would contribute its 'fair share' of this goal to scale up international climate finance, does this remain the case? What would be the consequences for shaping a global solution for Australia not to live up to this commitment? i) How important was the delivery of Australia's \$699m fast start finance in our region and for Australia's international reputation?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
51.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Fossil Awards)	a) How many 'Fossil' awards did Australia get at the Warsaw conference? b) Why was each award made? c) What media coverage of these awards was there?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
52.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (National Impact Assessment – Kyoto)	a) Has work been done on preparing a national impact assessment for the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol second commitment period? b) When is that likely to be finished? c) How do other nations, particularly developing nations, see the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol to international progress?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				d) Would Australia be able to purchase and use Clean Development Mechanism units if it does not ratify the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol?			
53.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (Cancun Agreement)	a) Has the Department provided any analysis or view as to whether it agrees with the Climate Change Authority's assessment that the conditions which are part of the Cancun Agreements for moving beyond the 5 % target is correct? b) Has this been raised internationally?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
54.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (G20 Climate Change Deal)	a) Why is it important Australia help shape a global solution to climate change? b) What does Australia stand to lose? c) What preparations have been made for the Prime Minister to seek a climate change deal though the G20 as promised before the election? d) Will the Prime Minister facilitate an agreement with the G4 on climate change?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
55.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	Climate Change (International Commitments)	a) Do other nations pay attention to what domestic policies are in place to meet our international commitments? b) What has been their response to the news Australia might be repealing the Clean Energy Act? c) Has anyone expressed concerns or asked about meeting our targets?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
56.	EFIC	Senator Rhiannon	EFIC Exxon-Mobil LNG in PNG	1. How much funding has EFIC provided to the Exxon-Mobil LNG project in PNG? 2. In January 2012 a massive landslide at an Exxon quarry killed several dozen people. 3. International landslide expert Professor Dave Petley wrote on November 4 this year: <i>"Everyone involved in the pipeline project denied that the quarry was in any way a factor in the landslide, even though this is by far the most likely cause ... What I find unbelievable is that a slide that killed so many people has not been properly investigated. That is surely a scandal"</i> . a. Can EFIC confirm whether any investigation was ever conducted into this fatal event given the clear evidence the Exxon quarry was one significant cause? b. What information has EFIC requested in regards to this	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				incident? May I have a copy please? 4. May I have details of what accountability and transparency EFIC demands from projects it supports? From this project? 5. What information has EFIC sought from Exxon-Mobil in regards to this incident?			
57.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	May I please have the data for the export of each kangaroo product, expressed in quantities (weight or quantity), from 2005 to the present, to every recipient country, please. a. What are the sources for this data? b. Which countries import kangaroo meat that is, or will be processed or labelled as unidentified meat or protein product?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
58.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	In a spreadsheet of DFAT data, showing the dollar value of each exported kangaroo data (from 2005 – 2012), there is a third sheet labelled "Confidential", with a heading: "5372055001 - International Merchandise Trade: Confidential Commodities List", Released on 10 October 2013 and containing Table 4: All Export Items Subject to Confidentiality Restrictions. a. With regards to Column I and the heading of "Restriction applied": i. Is the statement "no state details" listed under that heading because the small number of exporters can be too easily identified if details about the State the product comes from is provided? ii. What else can "Restriction applied" refer to? What does this mean? iii. Why are only certain countries listed under this heading? iv. Why is "no Country" is listed in the third row in that column? May I have that information please?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
59.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	What tax concessions or other government support has the kangaroo industry received at federal level since 2003, including representation of the industry's interests by government officials or MPs to overseas Trade or Foreign Affairs delegates?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
60.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	Specifically, has the government funded any kangaroo industry representatives to join overseas delegations either overseas or in Australia to open up or maintain export markets since 2003? a. May I have details for each project or delegation, the aims and issues, the country, and the costs or funding	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				for each relevant delegation?			
61.	DFAT - PSTF	Senator Hanson-Young	Border protection	Has any Australian Consulate/Embassy/High Commission been contacted by a returnee regarding any threats or concerns following their return?	Written (Transferred from LCA Cmte)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
62.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	May I have details about any representations made by Australian government officials or Ministers to open up or increase the import of kangaroo products for each relevant country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the outcomes, barriers and concerns encountered in each of those countries? b. What are the agreed Australian strategies to overcome those challenges? c. What are the roles of key contacts in/from each country? d. Which countries are being currently targeted by the Australian Government and kangaroo industry, and for which kangaroo products? e. Referencing the above questions, what is the current status of the kangaroo trade extending to China? May I have details of the strategy and cost supporting efforts to grow this market? 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
63.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	Peru recently opened up to imports of kangaroo products. What is the agreed quantity of each kangaroo product to this market? How was the KIAA involved in this effort?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
64.	DFAT - TED	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	On the Food Standards website: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/publications/Documents/Toxoplasma%20gondii.doc there is a document titled Toxoplasma Gondii. Its Table 1 on page 7 lists 13 fatalities during 1993 in Australia associated with toxoplasmosis (T.gondii), caused by consumption of undercooked kangaroo meat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is it the responsibility of Australian government agencies to advise importing countries of the serious health risk undercooked kangaroo meat can present to humans? b) Is DFAT aware that kangaroo meat for human consumption is not tested for zoonotic food-borne pathogens such as Toxoplasma gondii" or Salmonella spp, both which are 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>zoonotic agents present in kangaroos, because this is not a requirement of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code?</p> <p>c) Does DFAT advise importing countries or relevant overseas Ministers and agencies that raw kangaroo meat is not tested in Australia for these zoonotic pathogens, particularly <i>T.gondii</i> which is rife in kangaroo populations? If not, why not?</p> <p>d) Is DFAT aware that exporters and the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia are promoting undercooked or raw kangaroo meat to the food and cooking industry, and to consumers generally (see the KIAA's recipe book on its website http://www.kangaroo-industry.asn.au/)</p> <p>e) Is DFAT concerned that Australian meat is being promoted in a way that could present a potentially serious health risk to consumers? If not, why not?</p>			
65.	DFAT - EUD	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	<p>What are the details regarding the current status of the Russian ban on imports of kangaroo meat?</p> <p>a. What funding, efforts and personnel are being provided to open up the market again?</p> <p>b. There seems to be conflicting reports of why the ban came back into place so soon after it was lifted on a trial basis. May I have the dates, sequence of events, and reasons for Russian concern please?</p> <p>c. Have any other countries expressed concern or asked for information as a consequence of the Russian ban? May I have details of which countries, and their concerns please?</p> <p>d. In answer to a Estimates QoN in 2009 (TMA12) it was stated that "<i>relevant Australian overseas posts, including in Brussels, Moscow and Beijing [were] provided with detailed and balanced information on the hygiene, sustainability and animal welfare practices of the kangaroo industry to respond to any approaches by host governments, industry or the public</i>" .</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. May I have the details and costs of this exercise? ii. May I have copies of all the "detailed and balanced information" referred to in the provided answer? If not, how may I access that package of information? iii. The package of information sounds like a 'messaging' package: May I have details of the KIAA's role in the writing and advising of this information? iv. What was the role of the RIRDC in this exercise? Which materials or information was provided or funded by the RIRDC? v. What formally peer-reviewed and non-industry associated or funded science (non-RIRDC) was part of this balanced information? vi. Were/are the Russian authorities aware of the industry's involvement in government-disseminated RIRDC materials on kangaroos – that is, RIRDC funded projects and research must "<i>demonstrate that it will add significant value to the industry and its profitability</i>"? vii. Is there any requirement to divulge this explicitly demanded industry bias when providing RIRDC materials as 'balanced' information? viii. May I have the costs funded by the Australian Government for each component of this exercise? From which budgets did this financial support come? ix. How many Australian companies were involved in the export of kangaroo products to Russia at that time? 			
66.	DFAT - PDS	Senator Rhiannon	Ambassador for Disability Inclusive	In July 2013 Australia announced the decision to establish a new Australian Ambassador for Disability Inclusive Development.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			Development	Where is this appointment up to? What are any barriers to this moving ahead in a timely fashion?			
67.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Australian's Position on Torture	<p>Is it correct that torture is prohibited under both Australian law (Criminal Code, Div 274) and international law treaties to which Australia is a party (including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Geneva Conventions of 1949)?</p> <p>a. Does Australia support the use of torture in "difficult circumstances"?</p> <p>b. If the Prime Minister or a Minister makes a statement inconsistent with Australia's own laws or treaties to which Australia is a signatory, does the DFAT Director or any other senior officer point out to the Prime Minister or Minister that inconsistency?</p> <p>c. Did anyone from DFAT inform the Prime Minister that his statement in Sri Lanka that suggested that the use of torture can be justified in "difficult circumstances" is inconsistent with Australia's own laws, and the treaties to which Australia is signatory, prohibiting torture?</p> <p>d. What concerns have been expressed, and from which country, about Australia's seeming support of torture by the Sri Lankan government?</p> <p>e. Has the Sri Lankan government or its officials been advised of any clarification or correction to the above statement with reference to Australia's ratifying the above conventions, laws and treaties? Details please?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
68.	DFAT - SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka	<p>1. Did the Australian High Commissioner report to DFAT on the attacks on the Jaffna newspaper offices of the daily newspaper Uthayan that resulted in the destruction of equipment including the printing press, computer monitors and hard drives?</p> <p>2. When the Foreign Minister visited Sri Lanka in November did she meet with any representatives of community groups or opposition parliamentarians? If so who were those representatives and MPs?</p> <p>3. Is DFAT aware of who will be using the two boats that Prime</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>Minister Abbott has given to Sri Lanka?</p> <p>4. Does DFAT know if the two boats that Prime Minister Abbott has given Sri Lanka will be used for whale watching cruises?</p> <p>5. Can DFAT be very sure that the boats Prime Minister Abbott has given Sri Lanka will NOT be used for whale watching cruises?</p>			
69.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>At a press conference held in Colombo on 17 November – PM Abbott when asked if the money for the boats was coming out of the foreign aid budget said: I assume that it is coming out of the foreign aid budget, and the fact of the matter is these boats will be provided in tip-top condition to the Sri Lankan Navy to enhance the Sri Lankan Navy's capacity to save life at sea and to cooperate with Australia in closing down this evil trade of people smuggling.</p> <p>1. If indeed the Sri Lankan Navy does save lives at sea – is DFAT aware of what then happens to these people's lives when they are in Sri Lankan Navy custody?</p> <p>2. Is DFAT aware of any cases of torture by Sri Lankan Navy?</p> <p>3. Is DFAT aware that numerous HR organisations and journalists have documented very violent cases of torture, abuse and rape by Sri Lankan Government officials?</p> <p>4. Given this, can DFAT be sure that the navy boats that Australia has given Sri Lanka is not going to deliver people fleeing Sri Lanka into the hands of officials that could torture or rape them?</p> <p>5. The Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Australia Mr Thisara Samarasinghe used to be a former commander in the Sri Lankan Navy. Did he advise DFAT about the presentation of the patrol boats to Sri Lanka?</p> <p>6. Was the Australian gift of patrol boats to Sri Lanka through DFAT or another government department?</p> <p>7. Is the \$2million for the refurbishment of the two patrol boats which have been gifted to the Sri Lankan Government being paid for out of the DFAT administered part of the ODA budget?</p> <p>8. Is it being paid for by another part of DFAT's budget?</p> <p>9. If not, assuming DFAT has retained the responsibility which AusAID had for reporting Australia's ODA eligible expenditure to the OECD and providing advice to other government departments on the eligibility within the DAC guidelines of ODA expenditure.</p> <p>10. Has DFAT (or AusAID) received a request from another</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>department such as the Department of Immigration and Border Protection about the whether the \$2million allocated for the refurbishment of the two boats fits within the OECD's DAC guidelines?</p> <p>11. If they have, what was the advice that DFAT gave?</p> <p>If not, is it DFAT's opinion that this would fall within the OECD's DAC guidelines.</p>			
70.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>1. At Senate Estimates in June 2013, Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues, Mr Chittick stated: "The on-water disruptions in Sri Lanka are undertaken by the Sri Lankan Navy, and there is cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and the Sri Lankan defence forces, and also engagement by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service" (Wednesday 5 June 2013, p 131). However, later in the same hearing he said that Australian officials are not directly involved in intercepting boats. If the Australian navy or Border Protection Command is engaged in interceptions at sea, that is a significantly more direct role in preventing Sri Lankans leaving than has been disclosed before; previously the government simply talked about resourcing, capacity building and information sharing.</p> <p>2. Can DFAT clarify the nature of ADF and ACBPS engagement with the Sri Lanka Navy in "on-water disruptions."</p> <p>a. How are ADF or ACBPS personnel or resources used in or in any way involved in "on-water disruptions" or interception of boats in Sri Lanka?</p> <p>b. Are they directly involved in interceptions?</p> <p>3. Is DFAT aware of what laws, policies or guidelines govern the operations of Australian Border Protection Command (BPC) in Sri Lanka?</p> <p>4. Is DFAT aware of what is the role of BPC in Sri Lanka?</p> <p>a. What activities does BCP carry out there?</p> <p>5. Is DFAT aware if BCP has it ever been involved in on-water or</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>disruption activities? If so, what kinds of activities?</p> <p>6. Is DFAT aware how many Australian officials work in the BPC in Sri Lanka and from which Australian agencies?</p> <p>7. Is DFAT aware of how does BPC cooperate with Sri Lankan agencies?</p> <p>a. Which agencies does it cooperate with?</p>			
71.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>There have been serious allegations made against Sri Lanka Police's CID and Sri Lankan Navy in relation to torture in custody including by Human Rights Watch and the UN Committee against Torture. In the United States, the State Department vets foreign military and police that the US trains. There does not seem to be any vetting by Australia of the foreign military or police that we work closely with, including in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>1. What precautions, if any, does DFAT take to ensure that in our cooperation with Sri Lankan officials to combat people smuggling, we are not engaging directly with people against whom there are credible allegations of serious human rights abuse (such as rape or torture) or war crimes and crimes against humanity? ie do we have any formal system of vetting our partners?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
72.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>Given that Sri Lanka is a source country for refugees, at least some of the people intercepted by Sri Lankan authorities trying to go to Australia are likely to have protection claims. Australia selectively overlooks that these people may have security or political reasons for leaving, or could be vulnerable in the hands of the authorities.</p> <p>1. Is DFAT concerned that people intercepted might be tortured or harmed by the Sri Lankan authorities in custody?</p> <p>2. If so, what precautions are in place to ensure that DFAT do not fund or assist Sri Lankan authorities that engage in torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
73.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>In Senate Estimates, DFAT said that the Australian High Commission (AHC) regularly emphasizes the government's expectation that all people who are detained after a people smuggling venture are treated in accordance with Sri Lankan law.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				1. How does the AHC monitor whether Sri Lankans are treated in accordance with Sri Lankan law upon interception?			
74.	DFAT – ILD/SED	Senator Rhiannon	Sri Lanka / People Smuggling	<p>When Bob Carr visited Sri Lanka in December 2012, he promised increased information sharing with the Sri Lankan authorities. It is not clear what laws or policies constrain Australian officials from sharing information, and whether they are required not to share information that might. The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act is a formal information sharing protocol with built in protections against torture, but most information shared between Australian and Sri Lankan officials is done unofficially.</p> <p>1. What laws, policies or guidelines constrain the manner in which the Australian Government can disclose information about immigration detainees in Australian custody or detainees in Sri Lankan custody to Sri Lankan authorities?</p> <p>2. In deciding whether to disclose information, are there any requirements in laws, policies or guidelines (other than the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act) that require Australian officials to consider:</p> <p>a) the general prohibitions on torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment</p> <p>b) The purpose for which the information is being sought by the foreign authority</p> <p>c) The human rights record of the foreign authority involved</p> <p>d) The consequences of lawfully disclosing information.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
75.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Rhiannon	<i>Cambodia Railway Rehabilitation Project</i>	<p>1. May I have an update on the government's response to criticism of the resettlement programs undertaken as part of the Cambodian Railway Rehabilitation Project, including details on:</p> <p>a. How many people were displaced;</p> <p>b. How much compensation has been paid to displaced people;</p> <p>c. How many people have received this compensation;</p> <p>d. Where have the displaced people been resettled;</p> <p>e. What health, education, water and sanitation services are provided to the displaced people in the area where they now live;</p> <p>f. What consultation has been undertaken with the displaced people;</p> <p>g. What employment opportunities are available to the displaced</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>people?</p> <p>2. How many consultants did AusAID/DFAT employ on the project to determine how to respond to criticisms regarding the treatment of people displaced by the Cambodian Railway Rehabilitation Project?</p> <p>3. Please provide details of who these consultants were and how much each was paid?</p>			
76.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Rhiannon	The Don Sahong Dam and its PNPCA Process	<p>1. During the November 21st, 2103 session, Mr. Brazier stated in relation to the proposed Don Sahong Dam in Laos that “As with the dam at Xayaburi, we have been encouraging open and transparent consultation through our support to the Mekong River Commission, and we have encouraged Laos to work through the established processes under the Mekong River Commission agreement.” Can DFAT clarify as to what the Australian Government is doing to assist the Mekong River Commission in determining whether the Lao Government has met its obligations under the 1995 Mekong Agreement and its PNPCA Process with the Don Sahong Dam?</p> <p>2. What is DFAT’s position of the Don Sahong Dam in terms of whether the Don Sahong Dam should undergo the PNPCA’s ‘prior notification’ or ‘prior consultation’ process?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
77.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Rhiannon	Aid	<p>1. At the global level, what proportion of Australia’s overall aid budget will be directly linked to “aid for trade”?</p> <p>a. Criteria for this linkage?</p> <p>2. At the country level, will trade opportunities, including FTAs, be a factor in deciding in the levels of aid allocated to countries, both within and beyond the region?</p> <p>a. What will be the factors or criteria for this linkage?</p> <p>3. At the activity level, will trade criteria be used to assess the relative merit of individual aid activities?</p> <p>a. If so, what weighting will they be given relative to other assessment criteria (eg. poverty, effectiveness and efficiency)?</p> <p>4. In terms of aid effectiveness, to what extent will Australia’s future aid for trade activities be informed by independent reviews</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				and evaluations that assess the impact and lessons of the (significant) assistance already provided in this sector?			
78.	DFAT - IPPD	Senator Rhiannon	Aid Development for All Strategy	<p>1. AusAID's <i>Development for All</i> strategy has been praised by the OECD as showing Australia's exceptional leadership in this field. May I have details of what is happening with this strategy, and how it is translating into the new arrangements for Australia's Aid delivery?</p> <p>2. What does the requirement "mutual obligation" for countries receiving Australian aid as set out by the Prime Minister mean for nations, multilateral organisations and NGOs receiving Australian aid?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
79.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Rhiannon	DFAT and DIBP	<p>1. What was the ODA eligible expenditure by DIBP on asylum seekers living in the Australian community in 2012–13?</p> <p>2. Was any of the ODA eligible expenditure allocated to DIBP that was not used subsequently returned to DFAT or to general revenue?</p> <p>3. Will the funds allocated to the agency for 2013–14 be utilised for the same purpose?</p> <p>4. Under DAC/OECD guidelines, what would be components of maritime activities associated with asylum seekers arriving by boat would be eligible for ODA funding?</p> <p>5. Which DIAD/DIBP contracts are being funded by the \$375 million that was diverted from AusAID to DIAC in the 13/14 Financial Year Budget, as announced by then Foreign Minister Carr at the budget lockup on budget night this year?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
80.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Rhiannon	DFAT and DIBP	The former Minister for Immigration, Tony Bourke, made a statement on 3 May 2013 that DIAC's Displaced Persons' program in Sri Lanka aims "to improve the quality of life for people in their home countries...to remove the incentive for people to pay people smugglers and attempt dangerous boat journeys." This is clearly assuming that people are economically driven to leave. This also raises the questions – why is DIAC running livelihood programs using aid money, what is the evidentiary basis of their rationale for reducing push factors?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>1. What DIBP programs in Sri Lanka that are funded through ODA-eligible expenditure. Are they all aiming to “combat people smuggling” or address “push factors” that are economic?</p> <p>2. To what extent and how are DIBP’s ODA-eligible programs in Sri Lanka aimed at removing the incentive for Sri Lankans to pay people smugglers to take them to Australia?</p> <p>3. What has DIBP identified as the push factors or incentives that lead people to pay people smugglers to leave the country? How have these push factors been identified?</p> <p>4. How will DIBP measure the success of its programs aimed at reducing push factors that might cause people to leave Sri Lanka?</p>			
81.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Rhiannon	Mekong	<p>1. In February 2012, AusAID’s responded to questions Senator Rhiannon put on notice and stated that “Australian Government intends to review the effectiveness of the PNPCA process and has commenced discussions within the MRC Secretariat, representatives from MRC member governments, and civil society representatives regarding the best way to undertake such a review. In follow up to the February 2012 responses, and the May 31st, 2012 and November 21st, 2013 sessions of estimates, further clarification is requested over whether AusAID’s review of the Mekong River Commission’s <i>Procedures for Prior Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement</i> (PNPCA).</p> <p>a. Has this review now been completed?</p> <p>b. Why hasn’t the report been made public yet?</p> <p>c. Is there an expected date for when the report will be made public?</p> <p>2. What are AusAID’s dissemination plans for the 2012 PNPCA review?</p> <p>3. What measures will be taken to help ensure that the review findings will be used by the Mekong River Commission and its member countries to improve the PNPCA process before other hydropower projects undergo its process of ‘prior consultation’?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
82.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Rhiannon	ODA and Sri Lanka	The 2012/13 budget includes \$4.1m of Australian ODA-eligible expenditure by government departments other than AusAID. This	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>includes implementing biometrics within the Sri Lankan passport application process to reduce identity fraud; and Australian Federal Police training of the Sri Lanka Police Service. We wonder how much of our 'aid' money is not spent on alleviating poverty, but is spent on immigration control that is patently in Australia's domestic interests.</p> <p>1. Please provide details of the programs in the 2012/13 budget relating to Sri Lanka that are funded through ODA-eligible expenditure by Australian government departments other than AusAID; what are the programs and how much is spent on them?</p> <p>2. How much ODA-eligible expenditure goes towards programs that aim to combat people smuggling? In particular, how much ODA-eligible expenditure is spent on:</p> <p>a) Capacity building opportunities inside Sri Lanka or elsewhere provided to the Sri Lanka Navy or the Sri Lanka Police Service?</p> <p>b) Providing resources to the Sri Lanka Navy, Coast Guard or Sri Lanka Police Service to undertake anti-people smuggling operations? For example, how much is spent on boats, cars, office equipment, surveillance equipment or other resources?</p> <p>c) Advertising and awareness campaigns run in Sri Lanka that are aimed at stopping people from getting on boats to Australia.</p> <p>3. What, if any, of AusAID's programs in Sri Lanka are aimed at combating people smuggling, for example by reducing the 'push factors' that might cause people to leave Sri Lanka on boats for Australia?</p> <p>a. What has AusAID identified as the push factors or incentives that lead people to pay people smugglers to leave the country? How were these push factors identified?</p> <p>b. How will AusAID measure the success of its programs aimed at reducing push factors that might cause people to leave Sri Lanka?</p>			
83.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Rhannon	ODA and Climate Change	<p>1. Last estimates I asked for an itemised breakdown of what is ODA-eligible climate financing, and any climate-financing programs which are outside of ODA spending and and was told a full accounting of Australia's fast-start spending will be prepared following the 2012-13 financial year.</p> <p>a. What part of this question am I able to have answered here?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				b. (IF ANY) – can you please tell me whether this is now available?			
84.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Rhiannon	The International Forest Carbon Initiative (IFCI)	<p>1. As of June 30 2013, of the \$273 million allocated to the International Forest Carbon Initiative (IFCI), how much had been allocated by Aid (previously Ausaid)?</p> <p>a. Of that, how much has been spent by Aid (previously Ausaid)?</p> <p>2. What were the specific budget measures on which the IFCI funds were spent?</p> <p>3. How much of the IFCI funding was unallocated?</p> <p>4. How much of the IFCI funding was not spent?</p> <p>5. What amount of funding, if any, for IFCI measures has been committed under the 2013 – 2014 budget?</p> <p>a. Is this commitment likely to change, and when or how?</p> <p>6. What are the <i>specific</i> budget measures/programs for any IFCI commitments under the 2013 – 2014 budget?</p> <p>a. Is this commitment likely to change, and when or how?</p> <p>7. What amount of funding, if any, has been committed to REDD or any other deforestation projects under the 2013-2014 Aid budget?</p> <p>8. Does the Department retain its commitment working with Department of Environment to reducing deforestation in developing countries? If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal?</p> <p>9. Does Aid (previously Ausaid) retain its commitment to reducing deforestation in developing countries? If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
85.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Rhiannon	Israel – Palestine	<p>1. Are you aware of any aid workers associated with projects that receive Australian aid money through bilateral, multilateral, NGO or through any other channel been prohibited or stopped for some period of time from entering Palestine?</p> <p>a. If so when did these incidents occur and what was the aid program that the aid workers were intending to work on?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
86.	DFAT - NAD	Senator Rhiannon	Mongolia	<p>1. Have any Australian diplomats or embassy staff that have been in Mongolia or based in Mongolia spoken to representatives of the Mongolian government about tax arrangements that cover mining companies operating in Mongolia?</p> <p>2. If so who were the Australian diplomats who engaged in these</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>discussions?</p> <p>3. Who did the Australian diplomats meet with from the Mongolian government or relevant government departments?</p> <p>4. What was the nature of the discussions?</p> <p>a. Did the diplomats inquire about the current Mongolian laws that cover mining operations in that country?</p> <p>b. Did they request that mining companies operating in Mongolia be given any tax concessions?</p> <p>c. If so were any details of such concessions discussed?</p> <p>d. If concessions were discussed was it a general discussion indicating that all mining companies should benefit from such concessions or was it suggested that certain companies should be given a tax concession?</p> <p>e. If it is the later what company or companies were nominated to receive such a concession?</p>			
87.	DFAT - EADD	Senator Rhiannon	DAP	1. What money has been paid out of the DAP Grant Program for projects in Mongolia and the Philippines in 2013?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
88.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>Regarding the ceasing of the major operations of the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership by Australia and Indonesian governments. I understand some outstanding project activities will be continued until July 2014. May I have details about the mooted projects cancelled, and those to continue until July 2014.</p> <p>1. How much Australian government funding was spent during the KFCP and on what?</p> <p>2. May I please have a detailed breakdown (from AusAID) of project expenses, including but not limited to details about:</p> <p>i. on the volume of funds transferred to IDSS-Aurecon and their sub-contractor/s.</p> <p>ii. The amount of individual incentive payments delivered to project participants, and outcomes achieved or not achieved from those payments.</p> <p>iii. The amount of funding spent on research activities, and details and outcomes of those activities.</p> <p>iv. The amount of funding spent on major project works, and details and outcomes of those works.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
89.	DFAT - EAD	Senator	Kalimantan Forests &	Successive Australian Governments have championed the	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Rhiannon	Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>ambitious project aims of the KFCP, and its credentials <i>"to provide useful and practical lessons to support international efforts to establish a REDD+ mechanism"</i> and <i>"inform a future climate change agreement"</i>. However in previous Senate Estimates Dr Justin Lee, Ambassador for Climate Change in the International Climate Change Division, stated that: <i>"I am not aware that specific lessons coming from the IAFCP or the KFCP are part of those broader agenda discussions on REDD+ in the UNFCCC"</i></p> <p>A) What are the processes that account for the differences between the stated ambitions and the actual outcomes of the project?</p> <p>B) What mechanisms are in place to ensure accountability for exaggerated claims of expected outcomes?</p> <p>C) What processes are in place to identify mistakes or failures in the project, and where the responsibilities lie?</p> <p>D) May I have a copy of any such reports or evaluations, and if not why not?</p>			
90.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>In the Bilateral agreement between the Australian and Indonesian governments, the KFCP was promoted as both a demonstration of an incentive based REDD project, and a demonstration of the value of market mechanisms for REDD finance, including REDD as a carbon offset. What are the implications of the KFCP for the incentive-based model for REDD, as well as REDD as a form of carbon offsetting?</p> <p>a. Why was the World Bank Indonesia Forest Carbon Trust Fund Program not established?</p> <p>b. What problems and challenges arose in the institution of incentive-based payments for local community members engaged in project activities (seedling cultivation, reforestation, canal blocking and any other activities)?</p> <p>c. Why were partner donors not found for the KFCP, as was intended?</p> <p>d. Why did the Finland government not become a partner after considering the possibility in 2010?</p> <p>e. Was private finance pursued and if so, what were the reasons</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				for the lack of success in sourcing that finance?			
91.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	When will an independent evaluation of the KFCP be conducted? a. If so, what will its scope and terms of reference be? b. How will it take into account criticisms from local community members? c. And how will its results be publicly communicated?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
92	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	Is the commitment to communicate to the UNFCCC project outcomes and lessons learnt still in place? If not, why not?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
93.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	Which relevant negotiation streams will the KFCP lessons be communicated to, and what is the timetable for this to occur?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
94.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	It would seem that persistent criticisms of the KFCP from local customary leaders and Indigenous representative bodies illustrate that the project was not a genuinely collaborative between project partners and the local community, as was the stated intention of the Project Design Document. a. What is the Department's response to this? b. What details or information/feedback have been provided regarding this issue, and what lessons have been learnt? c. Where does the responsibility lie around this issue?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
95.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	Why has the Australia adopted the World Bank's definition of Free, Prior and Informed <u>Consultation</u> , rather than the UN's principle of Free Prior And Informed Consent? d. What are the differences between the two? e. What level of informed consent does "informed consultation" guarantee? How? Accountability?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
96.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership	There are reports there was confusion amongst community members about the project. a. What are the details of that confusion and conflict?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			(KFCP)	b. What actions were taken by KFCP staff in response to that confusion or conflict? c. Have those concerns been resolved? How?			
97.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	In particular, how did KFCP staff respond to conflicting statements that were released from customary leaders from Kadamangan Mantangai in 2011?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
98.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	It is reported there were conflicts that arose in Mentangai Hulu village surrounding the non-payment of wages, livelihoods program and subsequent conflicts in June 2012. How did project partners respond to these conflicts prior to making the decision to cease project activities in the village in September 2012?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
99.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	I refer to the recent decision by the Australian and Indonesian Governments to cease the major operations of the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership (KFCP) on 30 June 2013. I understand some outstanding project activities will be continued until July 2014. How much Australian government funding was spent during the KFCP and on what? a) May I please have a detailed breakdown of all Australian government agencies' project expenses, including but not limited to details about: b) on the volume of funds transferred to IDSS-Aurecon and their sub-contractor/s. c) The amount of individual incentive payments delivered to project participants, and outcomes achieved or not achieved from those payments. d) The amount of funding spent on research activities, and details and outcomes of those activities. e) The amount of funding spent on major project works, and details and outcomes of those works.	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
100.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership	Successive Australian Governments have championed the ambitious project aims of the KFCP: "the protection of 70,000	Written (duplicate question,	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			(KFCP)	<p>hectares of peat forests, the re-flooding of 200,000 hectares of dried peatlands and planting of 100 million trees was projected to lead to 700 million tonnes of greenhouse gas reductions over 30 years".</p> <p>Further, the KFCP was explicitly intended as a REDD+ demonstration project <i>"to provide useful and practical lessons to support international efforts to establish a REDD+ mechanism" and "inform a future climate change agreement"</i>.</p> <p>In previous Senate Estimates, Dr Justin Lee, Ambassador for Climate Change in the International Climate Change Division, stated that he was <i>"not aware that specific lessons coming from the IAFCP or the KFCP are part of those broader agenda discussions on REDD+ in the UNFCCC"</i></p> <p>a) What are the processes that account for the differences between the stated ambitions and the actual outcomes of the project?</p> <p>b) Could I have details of the evaluation processes in place that will ensure accountability for exaggerated claims of expected outcomes; for the</p> <p>c) identification of mistakes or outright failures in the project; and where the responsibilities lie?</p> <p>d) May I have a copy of any such reports or evaluations.</p> <p>e) If not , why not?</p>	originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)		
101.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>In the Bilateral agreement between the Australian and Indonesian governments, the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership was explicitly promoted as both a demonstration of an incentive based REDD project, and a demonstration of the value of market mechanisms for REDD finance, including REDD as a carbon offset.</p> <p>a) What are the implications of the outcomes and lessons from the KFCP, for the incentive-based model for REDD, as well as for REDD as a form of carbon offsetting. In particular:</p> <p>b) Why was the World Bank Indonesia Forest Carbon Trust Fund Program not established?</p> <p>c) What problems and challenges arose in the institution of</p>	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>incentive-based payments for local community members engaged in project activities (eg seedling cultivation, reforestation, canal blocking and any other activities)?</p> <p>d) Why were partner donors not found for the KFCP, as was intended? In particular, why did the Finland government not become a partner after considering the possibility in 2010?</p> <p>e) Was private finance pursued and if so, what were the reasons for the lack of success in sourcing that finance?</p>			
102.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>When will an independent evaluation of the KFCP be conducted?</p> <p>a) What will its scope and terms of reference be?</p> <p>b) How will it take into account criticisms from local community members?</p> <p>c) How will its results be publicly communicated?</p>	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
103.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>Will the Australian Government maintain its commitment to communicate project outcomes and lessons learnt to the UNFCCC? If not, why not?</p>	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
104.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>Which relevant negotiation streams will the KFCP lessons be communicated to, and what is the timetable for this to occur?</p>	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
105.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	<p>Persistent criticisms of the KFCP from local customary leaders and Indigenous representative bodies seem to illustrate that the project was not a genuinely collaborative endeavour between project partners and the local community, as was the stated intention of the Project Design Document.</p> <p>How does the department differ in this assessment?</p> <p>What details or information/feedback have been sought or gathered regarding this question, and what lessons have been learnt?</p>	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				Where does the responsibility lie around this issue?			
106.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	Why has the Australian government adopted the World Bank's definition of Free, Prior and Informed Consultation, rather than the UN's principle of Free Prior And Informed Consent? What are the differences between the two? What level of informed consent does "informed consultation" guarantee? How? Accountability?	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
107.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	I understand there was confusion amongst community members about the project. What are the details of that confusion and conflict? Please provide details of the actions taken by KFCP staff in response to that confusion or conflict? Have those concerns been resolved? How?	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
108.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	In particular, how did KFCP staff respond to conflicting statements that were released from customary leaders from Kadamangan Mantangai in 2011?	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
109.	DFAT - EAD	Senator Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests & Climate Partnership (KFCP)	Apparently there were conflicts that arose in Mentangai Hulu village surrounding the non-payment of wages, livelihoods program and subsequent conflicts in June 2012. Please advise how project partners responded to these conflicts prior to making the decision to cease project activities in the village in September 2012?	Written (duplicate question, originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
110.	DFAT - ILD	Rhiannon	Long-term Climate Change Budget	In the May 2013 Senate Estimates I asked: how much climate financing would be dispersed bilaterally and multilaterally, how much had been allocated to adaptation and how much had been spent on REDD, to which I was informed that the Australian government had not finalised its approach to Australia's contribution to long-term climate change finance. Were those original details finalised, and if yes may I have a copy? If no, where was the process of finalising these details up to, and What date will that information be available?	Written (originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				How much variation in the original expenditure is expected in any amended budgets?			
111.	DFAT - ILD	Rhiannon	Budget contribution to UNFCCC	<p>How much climate finance for climate change adaptation and low carbon development overseas came from our aid budget in the last financial year?</p> <p>What figure will be reported to the UNFCCC as our contribution to the goal of jointly mobilising \$100bn of 2020?</p> <p>If that information is not yet available, when will it be?</p> <p>How much variation in the original expenditure is expected in any amended budgets?</p>	Written (originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
112.	DFAT - ILD	Rhiannon	ODA	<p>In the May 2013 Senate Estimates I asked for an itemised breakdown of what is ODA-eligible climate financing, and any climate-financing programs which are outside of ODA spending. I was advised that a full accounting of Australia's fast-start spending will be prepared following the 2012-13 financial year.</p> <p>Is that full accounting completed, and if yes, may I have a copy?</p> <p>If no, what is the date when that information will be available?</p>	Written (originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
113.	DFAT - ILD	Rhiannon	Climate Change Conference in Warsaw	<p>Regarding the UN's Climate Change Conference in Warsaw this November:</p> <p>Are any of the AFPA representatives attending as part of an Australian delegation government delegation?</p> <p>Has the Australian government provided any funding for the Australia Forest Products Association? If so:</p> <p>Who approved the funding and why?</p> <p>How much?</p> <p>Which program or provision has any funding come from?</p>	Written (originally posed to Dept of Environment, transferred to DFAT)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
114.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			<p>g. the scope of the review</p> <p>h. Whom is conducting the review</p> <p>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>j. the expected report date</p> <p>k. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</p> <p>2) For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <p>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p> <p>c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item</p> <p>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>i. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>i. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>y. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>y. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3) Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.</p> <p>4) Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5) Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6) Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were</p>			
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				<p>provided.</p> <p>7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If not, why not?</p>			
115.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>a) Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
116.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p> <p>3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
117.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Appointments	<p>a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
118.	EFIC	Senator	Stationery	1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Ludwig	requirements	government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?			
119.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
120.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>			
121.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Media training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

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122.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
123.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<p>a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
124.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Travel costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare),</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
125.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Grants	<p>a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
126.	EFIC	Senator	Government	a) From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Ludwig	payments of accounts	<p>paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</p> <p>b) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>			
127.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
128.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

129.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
130.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	<p>1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?</p> <p>5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
131.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	<p>1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
132.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
133.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
134.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Staffing cessations	<p>a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
135.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c) From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
136.	EFIC	Senator	<u>Coffee machines</u>	1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Ludwig		<p>useage since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
137.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Printing	<p>How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

138.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Corporate cars	a) How cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date? e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
139.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Taxi costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
140.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Hire cars	a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
141.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Credit cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
142.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
143.	EFIC		Ministerial briefing	1) Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister? 2) In what form does that occur? 3) On what basis it that provided? 4) What title is this briefing given?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
144.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c. When were the changes made?</p>			
145.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to assess Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			<p>Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p>			
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				b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d. What did the training involve? e. How long was the training? f. By whom was the training conducted?			
146	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Functions	1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function 2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
147.	EFIC	Senator Ludwig	Red tape reduction	1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3) How have they been recruited? 4) What process was used for their appointment? 5) What is the total cost of this unit? 6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

148.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	<u>Reviews</u>	<p>Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the date they were ordered the date they commenced the minister responsible the department responsible the nature of the review their terms of reference the scope of the review Whom is conducting the review the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review the expected report date If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2) For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them If yes, for each, who selected them If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, If yes, please detail what involvement it was If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur? 		21/1/2014	13/2/2014
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149.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>a) Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
150.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p> <p>3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
151.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	Appointments	<p>a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
152.	DFAT -CMD	Senator Ludwig	Stationery requirements	1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
153.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>			
154.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				2013 to date?			
155.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Ludwig	Media training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
156.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Communications staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

157.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<p>a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
158.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	Travel costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
159.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Grants	<p>a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
160.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</p> <p>b) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

161.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>		21/1/2014	13/2/2014
162.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

163.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>		21/1/2014	13/2/2014
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164.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	<p>1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?</p> <p>5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
165.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	<p>1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

166.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
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167.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
168.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Staffing cessations	<p>a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
169.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c) From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

170.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
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171.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
172.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Corporate cars	a) How cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date? e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
173.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Taxi costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
174.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Hire cars	a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
175.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Credit cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
176.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

177.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial briefing	<p>1) Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister?</p> <p>2) In what form does that occur?</p> <p>3) On what basis it that provided?</p> <p>4) What title is this briefing given?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
178.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	<p>1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>C. When were the changes made?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
179.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to assess Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

			<p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated</p>			
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				<p>decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p>			
180.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Functions	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

181.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3) How have they been recruited?</p> <p>4) What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>5) What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
182.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Xenophon	UN	<p>Regarding the eight new resolutions concerning the Palestinians at the UN Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the Resolutions? • How did Australia vote on each? (For, Against, Abstain)? • How did the majority of states at the UN vote? • What were Australia's reasons for voting as we did? • How did Australia's votes differ to previous votes on the same issues under previous governments? • If any of the votes were different, what factors changed our voting decision? 	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
183.	DFAT - APO	Senator Penny Wright	Passports	<p>In August this year, it was reported that a Vietnam veteran had been denied a passport, because his naturalisation certificate had been visibly altered in order to enable his enlistment in the Defence Force when underage.</p> <p>If the Department is aware of any similar cases, please provide</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				details.			
184.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Whish-Wilson	Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement	<p>1. Has DFAT conducted any consultations with the Australian agriculture industry group regarding the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures section of the Trans Pacific Partnership?</p> <p>2. Has DFAT conducted any consultations with the Australian nursery industry group regarding the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures section of the Trans Pacific Partnership?</p> <p>3. Has DFAT conducted any consultation with the following units of the Department of Agriculture regarding the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures section of the Trans Pacific Partnership?:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Australian Chief Plant Protection Office b. Australian Chief Veterinary Office c. Biosecurity Animal d. Biosecurity Plant e. Biosecurity Policy <p>4. Has DFAT conducted consultation with any state government biosecurity agencies regarding the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures section of the Trans Pacific Partnership?</p> <p>5. Will changes to Australia's biosecurity and quarantine legislative and policy framework be required following Australia signing the Trans Pacific Partnership?</p> <p>6. Will signing the Trans Pacific Partnership affect Australian producers and exporters ability to maintain Country of Origin labelling?</p> <p>7. Is DFAT consulted with agriculture industry groups in regard to ensuring that agricultural producers/exporters can maintain brand/country of origin/region of origin distinctions?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>8. Will signing the TPP affect agricultural producers/exporters ability to maintain brand/country of origin/region of origin distinctions to maintain our unique status as a supplier of high quality?</p> <p>9. Has the Australian government consulted with any state governments in regards to Investor-State Dispute Settlement within the TPP and how it might impact on their legislative sovereignty?</p> <p>10. Has the Australian government consulted with Australian Local Government Association in regards to Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanisms within the TPP and how it might impact on their ability to make and enforce by-laws?</p> <p>11. Has the DFAT consulted with companies in Australia in regards to how changes to Geographical Indications rules may affect their business?</p> <p>12. Is DFAT negotiating on ISDS clauses in relation to disputes over domestic environmental policies?</p> <p>13. Is DFAT negotiating on ISDS clauses in relation to disputes over domestic agricultural policies?</p> <p>14. Is DFAT negotiating on ISDS clauses in relation to disputes over quarantine or biosecurity policies?</p> <p>15. Has DFAT carried out or commissioned any cost-benefit analysis in regards to the TPP?</p> <p>16. Has DFAT consulted with Productivity Commission regarding the costs and benefits of the TPP?</p> <p>17. Has DFAT consulted with Treasury regarding the costs and benefits of the TPP?</p> <p>18. Has DFAT consulted with the Pharmacy Sector in relation to the</p>			
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				<p>competition chapter of the TPP?</p> <p>19. Is DFAT aware that the US negotiators have supplied chapter summaries or working texts of the draft TPPA to over 600 US-based interest groups or corporations?</p> <p>20. Has the Australian government supplied chapter summaries or working texts of the draft TPPA to Australian interest groups or corporations?</p> <p>21. Have other countries requested that Australia's FIRB thresholds be considered as part of the TPP negotiations?</p>			
185.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Whish-Wilson	Arctic 30 Diplomatic Support	Can DFAT please elaborate on what diplomatic support has been provided by other nations in support of their own citizens caught up in the Arctic 30 case?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
186.	DFAT - ASNO	Senator Marshall		<p>1a. Please provide an update on the status of negotiations with India regarding nuclear trade:</p> <p>1b. What has been achieved in the negotiations so far?</p> <p>1c. When do you expect the negotiations will be concluded?</p> <p>2. Will all nuclear facilities in India be subject to "comprehensive safeguards"? If not, why not?</p> <p>3. Is the government confident that the proposed sale of uranium to India will comply with Australia's obligations under the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty?</p> <p>4a. What legal advice has the government obtained in relation to the proposed nuclear agreement with India?</p> <p>4b. On which dates and by whom has legal advice been sought and received?</p> <p>4c. In the event that multiple pieces of legal advice have been provided or sought, what were the reasons for this?</p> <p>4d. In the event that multiple pieces of legal advice have been provided or sought, did these pieces of legal advice conflict with each other? If so, in what ways did the advice differ?</p> <p>4e. Can you provide copies of all advice sought and received on the issue of uranium exports to India including but not limited to,</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>advice provided by the Attorney-General's Department and Office of International Law, DFAT, the Solicitor-General, the and the Australian Government Solicitor?</p> <p>4f. Does the government consider India to be a "nuclear-weapon state" or "non-nuclear-weapon state" for the purposes of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty?</p> <p>4g. Does "nuclear-weapon state" have the same meaning as it does under the Non-Proliferation Treaty?</p> <p>5a. Does the government believe that a minimum standard of safeguards should apply to uranium exports to India?</p> <p>5b. Does the government believe "comprehensive safeguards" apply as a minimum?</p> <p>5c. Does the government believe that a lesser standard of safeguards should apply? If so, what standard of safeguards does the government believe should apply as a minimum?</p> <p>6. Is the government of the belief that India's ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty should be a pre-condition for nuclear trade? If not, why not?</p> <p>7. Is the government concerned by reports that India is increasing the number of nuclear weapons in its arsenal?</p> <p>8. Is the government concerned by reports that India is developing new delivery vehicles (submarines and missiles) for its nuclear weapons?</p> <p>9a. Given India's history of diverting nuclear material designated for civil purposes to weapons programs, how will Australia ensure that Australian uranium is not used in military programs?</p> <p>9b. Will any Australian personnel physically inspect Indian facilities to guarantee non-diversion?</p> <p>10. Is the government concerned that the export of Australian uranium to India will free up India's domestic reserves of uranium for weapons production?</p>			
187.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Madigan	UN	<p>In relation to Australia's involvement at the UN's Special Political and Decolonisation Committee, I have just a couple of question's regarding our conduct there.</p> <p>What were the Resolutions that we vote on and how did we vote on each?</p> <p>How did the majority of the other states at the UN vote?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>What were the considerations given in determining the way we voted?</p> <p>Have we been voting differently under our current government in comparison to the two previous ALP Governments? If so, why?</p>			
188.	DFAT - SED	Senator Madigan	Indonesia	<p>As a follow up to questions asked of AusAid at the previous Senate Estimates- How does DFAT define “East Indonesia”? Approximately from which area does it begin?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
189.	DFAT - PAD	Senator Macdonald	Papua New Guinea Purari Hydroelectricity	<p>Question on Notice 57 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department to clarify its knowledge of arrangements in PNG for the Purari Hydroelectricity project.</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 57 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A memorandum of agreement was signed between the PNG and Queensland Governments in 2010 to support the Purari project at Wabo; • A memorandum of agreement was signed between the PNG and Queensland Governments in 2013 to foster business, industry, law and order, health, infrastructure and public service “capacity-building”; and, • The Department is monitoring the Purari project due to its economic and strategic implications for Australia. <p>Q1. Has the Department continued to monitor the Purari project’s development?</p> <p>Q2.What has the department done to assist the development of this project?</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
190.	DFAT - PAD	Senator Macdonald	Papua New Guinea: Police Cooperation	<p>Question on Notice 240 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department if there is a formal agreement between Australia and PNG on police co-operation.</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 240 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p>	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>The Phase III partnership package was announced in May 2013; Phase III forms part of the Joint Declaration on Australian/PNG partnership – no formal agreement was signed; and, Phase III includes assistance for the Royal PNG Constabulary to recruit Australians for “in-line” positions, as well as providing additional AFP support and mentoring.</p> <p>Are expatriate business communities in PNG being offered any consultation on the progress of law-and-order initiatives?</p> <p>Does the Phase III arrangement provide any resources for monitoring movements in the Torres Strait?</p>			
191.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	How important do other nations see the issue of international climate finance in getting a global agreement signed? Does the agreement originally in Copenhagen to scale up to \$100 billion of private and public international climate finance by 2020 still carry weight internationally?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
192	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	Australia has stated it would contribute its ‘fair share’ of this goal to scale up international climate finance, does this remain the case? What would be the consequences for shaping a global solution for Australia not to live up to this commitment?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
193.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	How important was the delivery of Australia’s \$699m fast start finance in our region and for Australia’s international reputation?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
194.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	Has work been done on preparing a national impact assessment for the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol second commitment period? When is that likely to be finished? How do other nations, particularly developing nations, see the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol to international progress? Would Australia be able to purchase and use Clean Development Mechanism units if it does not ratify the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
195.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	China has announced a limit on total annual primary energy consumption of 4 billion tonnes of coal equivalent by 2015, how significant is this?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

196.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	Why is it important Australia help shape a global solution to climate change?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
197.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	Do other nations pay attention to what domestic policies are in place to meet our international commitments?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
198.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	What has been their response to the news Australia might be repealing the Clean Energy Act? Has anyone expressed concerns or asked about meeting our targets?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
199.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Urquhart	Climate Change	Is the Department still providing assistance to Chinese counterparts in establishing emissions trading schemes in China?	Written	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

200.	DFAT - INTF	Senator FAULKNER	MOG Changes	<p>Just so we are clear on that latter point, in relation to the tourism changes can you just indicate what numbers of staff are involved in both the Austrade element and the broader portfolio element.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes. For the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade it will be a handful of staff, around four to six; I will check on that number through the day and get back to you. For Austrade I would need to get a number from them on what the final changeover of staff was.</p>	Page 5, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
201.	DFAT - INTF	Senator FAULKNER	MOG Changes	<p>I know you cannot speak for former AusAID, but are you able to say when the department became aware of the government's intention to make this change [on integration], or when the minister requested this action take place? I appreciate it was finalised on 1 November, you have made that point, and I appreciate the fact that it was around about the middle of September that the announcement was made that this was going to occur—you can correct me if I am wrong, I am just going on memory there.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: No, that's right.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: So I am assuming it was sometime earlier in September that—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: That is right, Senator. I would have to check on an exact date for you. It was certainly after the election—yes, you are right, earlier in September</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: But how is this done? It is obviously an official directive—the minister has made a directive, that is fair enough—that is how it works, isn't it? Mr Grigson: Yes, it is.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Can you say—and if you can't, you might take it on notice—when that directive was issued?</p>	Page 6, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				Mr Grigson: I will find out for you.			
202.	DFAT - INTF	Senator FAULKNER	MOG Changes	<p>You probably will not be able to answer part of this because it goes to AusAID—but AusAID can't be asked, which is why I think I am obligated to ask you: whether advice [on integration] was sought by the minister from either the department or AusAID about the implications and usefulness of such a move...</p> <p>But the advice that we are talking about, Mr Grigson, in this case is separate advice received from both AusAID and the portfolio—or effectively is the advice that is provided to the minister integrated with not just the department and AusAID, it is integrated portfolio advice. I am just interested to understand, given AusAID's operation as an executive agency—you understand I cannot ask the executive agency anymore—effectively whether there were two separate pieces of advice, only departmental advice or integrated advice. If you could assist us with that?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I can give you my best recollection now and I will check my answer and get back to you if there is an error in it. My recollection of the advice that we provided has been that it has been integrated advice, that it has generally taken into account both what would have been an AusAID perspective and a DFAT perspective, and provided in an integrated fashion to the minister.</p>	Page 6-7, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
203.	DFAT - INTF	Senator FAULKNER	Integration	<p>Are you able to say whether advice [on integration] was provided to the minister—I am not going to content of the advice—from any agency outside the portfolio of foreign affairs and trade. Specifically I suppose I am thinking of whether advice was provided from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I do not know the answer to that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Senator Brandis, would you be able to take that on notice to the minister?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p>	Page 6-8, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
204.	DFAT - FTD	Senator Wong	China FTA	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me what some of the issues are for us in relation to market access? I am particularly interested in full services. I am interested also in what I think are described as 'behind the border issues' and what are our priorities in that context.</p> <p>Mr Fisher: I can give you a broad sense, but I would be happy to give you more detail on notice. In services, China has tended to and continues to tend to liberalise unilaterally and so we find that what has happened over the period of the negotiations is it has done a certain amount of liberalisation, so the issues change. With the Shanghai free trade area, for instance, that will also potentially change, and with the</p>	Page 79 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>third plenum that will potentially change again.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You probably were not here at the time but I did ask for some assessment of the third plenum communique and I am particularly interested in the issues you have just raised.</p> <p>Mr Fisher: On notice, I would be happy to give you some more detail, to the degree I can. Our services interests are a significant part of the package, let me put it that way.</p>			
205.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Moore	Aid priorities	<p>Senator MOORE: Mr Grigson, are you aware of anything that the foreign minister has actually said in public that supports Minister Brandis?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes I am. The foreign minister has said that the program will have a particular focus on the Pacific and South-East Asia, our region, and at times she has spoken about the Indian Ocean as well.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: The foreign minister is at a meeting at the moment, is she not?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I doubt it because I think that where the foreign minister is, in Washington, it is about three o'clock in the morning.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Wherever. Unless the foreign minister has made a statement in recent times that we have not got across, can you just confirm on notice what the foreign minister has already said in terms of public statements about those areas.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Sure</p>	Page 102 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
206.	DFAT - INTF	Senator FAULKNER	Integration	<p>What, if any, are the implications [of integration] for the contracted staff?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: As contracts come up, we will have to look at whether we will continue to require those staff. Beyond that, I would like to get some advice for you. I do not want to unnecessarily alarm any staff. At this point, I will get you a number of how many there are and I will get you some advice on how we are planning to deal with that.</p>	Page 12, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
207.	DFAT - CMD	Senator FAULKNER	Staffing levels	<p>To save time could you provide staffing levels, broken down by division, as at the same date.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes, we can do that.</p>	Page 12, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
208.	DFAT - INTF	Senator Rhiannon		<p>Senator RHIANNON: And what is the total number of people on the task force, and how many are AusAID?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I will get you the details. The task force is run by two division heads, one from the old DFAT and one from the old AusAID.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And also for the, I think you said 13 working groups?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: The working groups are headed up jointly by the relevant officers from each of the agencies as they were.</p>	Page 106 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

209.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Faulkner	Staffing in Ministerial offices	<p>... are there any departmental officers—there usually are—seconded to ministers' offices or parliamentary secretaries' offices—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: There are.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: since the election?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I would appreciate any detail about it. I do not want the names, obviously, of the individuals. If you could just provide—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We can do that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: information about numbers and status, that would be helpful.</p>	Page 17, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
210.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Fawcett	VRs	<p>Mr Smith: As I said, in 2012-13, we had 22 voluntary redundancies. In 2011-12, we had 31 voluntary redundancies. I do not have the figures for earlier years, but I can get those for you if you like.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am just interested to see what the current situation is like as compared to previous years. It would be good if you could take that on notice, thanks.</p>	Page 17, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
211.	DFAT - CPD	Senator Edwards	Assistance to former PMs	<p>How many requests for assistance have been made by Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard to the department since the election?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Also, please take on notice when the requests were made—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: and the nature of the requests... That would be great. I want to know just generally what assistance the department provided.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: The guidelines, yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I would also be interested to know if the department refused any requests for assistance and, if you did, what was requested that you refused and when those requests were made. And, just for my own benefit, what are the protocols regarding assistance to former prime ministers?</p>	Page 17-18, 12 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
212.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS visit program of former FM Carr	<p>Generally speaking, your experience would be that meetings were, on average, held about when—in the mornings, early in the mornings, late at night? What would your experience be?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I would need to take that on notice and have a look at some of the visit programs. I am afraid I could not give that. Because we are not involved in making those booking times, that is the sort of detail that, to be honest, is not under my sphere of protection.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I assume that you are always honest here. While making those inquiries, could you look also at, on average, how late</p>	Page 19, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>the meetings were that you were instructed to go to. The guidelines record Mr Carr's interest in visiting important cultural or historical sites during his overseas visits. Are you able to provide the committee with a list of historical or cultural sites that Mr Carr visited on his overseas trips? Mr Roach: I will need to get that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It would be fairly easy to find, though, so you would be able to come back today?</p> <p>Mr Roach: We just need to look back through program booklets that were developed and have a look at those, but we can provide that list.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: He was not the foreign minister for the full term, so it should not be that hard to find. While you are doing that, could you also include the amount of time that he took outside the routine of normal business to visit those sites?</p> <p><i>(and related excerpt page 55)</i></p> <p>Mr Grigson: ... We are looking through programs. It might help if I just explain one element of the way we function. Not all material is returned from posts to Canberra. So some of the answers to questions that you ask will only be at posts, so we will need to go to posts and ask for some of that material. Mr Roach has an aggregate figure on travel costs for you. As you know, the Department of Finance pays ministerial travel bills and those bills are not passed to us.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Are you able to request it or should I do that?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice and pass the request to them. I am happy to do that.</p>			
213.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS visit program of former FM Carr	<p>Can you please provide the committee with a list of women related projects and cultural and heritage sites visited by Mrs Carr concurrently when they travelled together? I suspect you are going to say that you will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Roach: I am going to take it on notice, but I can give you a sense from notes of the kinds of activities that Mrs Carr would have undertaken. For example, she did a visit with the former minister to Indonesia, Brunei and South Korea, where, for instance, she went to visit a shelter for women. She went to the war memorial of the ROK. It was common for her to visit schools, hospitals and things of that nature. But, in terms of a full list, we can provide that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay. Also, when you are compiling that list, will you give me an idea of how many people from the department accompanied Mrs Carr when she was on those delegations?</p>	Page 19, 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
214.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS visit program of former FM Carr	<p>Is the department familiar with the section of the ministers of state entitlement guidelines on overseas travel?</p> <p>Mr Roach: We are aware of the standing guidelines that are issued by</p>	Page 20 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I just remind you: As a general rule, a Minister should not be accompanied by his or her spouse on official overseas travel. Is that a true representation of what is in there?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I know that these guidelines have been reissued in recent weeks. That is my understanding, so I just want to be careful before confirming what you have read to me.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That is fine. I suspect I am right.</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will take that on notice. <i>(and related excerpt page 55-56)</i> Is there a section of your department, and bear in mind that I am fresh here, that goes through this and looks at these, or is this at the complete discretion of the minister and you do not get to ask a question or just have a discreet word to the minister at any stage and say, 'Look, I think we'd better just have a look at this. This might not pass the test of scrutiny in comparison with former ministers or anything like that person might.' Hypothetical.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Are you talking about programs or costs?</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Costs. You look at costs of expeditions—I do not know what you call them.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: It is hypothetical.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I will put it to you this way then—</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Edwards—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Is there anybody in the department—</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Edwards, you are actually out of time. We are on a five-minute basis, so that question can go on notice.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice.</p>			
215.	DFAT -	Senator Dastyari	RAMSI	<p>Effectively, what I am asking for—if it is not too much of an ask—is whether we can create a summary report of all the programs and the funding that came from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade over the 10-year life of RAMSI, and also have a look and do that with the different aid initiatives that were specific to PNG that were funded during that same period.</p> <p>Mr Batley: You just said PNG—do you mean the Solomon Islands?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Sorry, Solomon Islands.</p> <p>Mr Batley: The short answer to your question is that there were special appropriations—multi-year appropriations—in the budget. That included development programs, but also a lot of the police work was counted as aid, as ODA-eligible. But we can provide you with that information in a fuller form if you like.</p>	Page 114 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

216.	DFAT - EXB	Senators Edwards/McEwen	OS travel of former FM Carr	<p>Can you provide the committee with a list of first-class flights taken by Mr Carr and provide the date and cost of each flight?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I can do that.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Could you also do the same for former Foreign Minister Downer?</p> <p>Mr Roach: That might be pushing records, but I will try.</p>	Page 22 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
217.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS travel of former FM Carr	<p>Can you confirm reports that the department paid for temporary gym membership for Mr Carr on occasions when the hotel fitness centre was not available or did not meet his requirements? ...</p> <p>Did a security detail accompany him as well? Did he ever cancel scheduled meetings to attend the gym? Could you just give us a total cost of the gym membership during Mr Carr's time as foreign minister?..</p> <p>Did Foreign Minister Carr at the time ever attend Pilates classes while on his overseas trips?</p>	Page 23 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
218.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS travel of former FM Carr	<p>And the cost to the department for those. For each of Senator Carr's overseas visits, can you provide the committee with the program as originally approved and the final program as it was completed?</p> <p>Mr Roach: Let me take that on notice. There were 28 visits. Certainly we have a program as completed—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: And the program as scheduled.</p> <p>Mr Roach: so I am sure that that is something we can assist with.</p>	Page 23 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
219.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Edwards	OS travel of former FM Carr	<p>When did he [former FM Carr] travel to G20?</p> <p>Mr Roach: He departed Australia on 31 August. He got to Moscow on the 1st. He was there until 4 September. On the 4th he then went up to St Petersburg until 7 September.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So he came back on election day?</p> <p>Mr Roach: His official travel terminated on 7 September and he then began some leave that was approved by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: He remained in Russia after the 7 September election till when?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will need to take that on notice.</p>	Page 23 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
220.	INTF	Senator Rhiannon	Integration	<p>Could you give a summary of the different thematic areas [of the 13 Integration working groups] and how they are being handled?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Are you interested in the corporate areas as well as the thematic areas?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes. If it is a long list and you have got a lot of detail you could put it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: It is a long list but I do not have a great detail of detail before me. So for financial management, for instance, the chief financial officers of both organisations are working together. In the end</p>	Page 27 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>we will have an integrated financial services structure.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Because of time, where there is actually information about how you are doing it or where decisions have already been made—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice, Senator, and give you some information.</p>			
221.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	<p>Could you provide a copy of that piece of correspondence to the committee. Could you also provide a copy of the correspondence informing them that their job was offered and then withdrawn. Could you provide examples of those three pieces of correspondence to the committee.</p>	Page 31 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
222.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	<p>What I require is the time line for all of these events. Could you provide details on when the graduate program was first advertised, when the potential recruits were interviewed and all of the correspondence associated with that process, or examples thereof, and outline what remedies are available from the department to these recruits who believed they had a job and made a series of life decisions on that basis and are now being told there is no job.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will have a look at those facts for you.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Was the decision to axe AusAID's graduate program made before or after Senator Abetz's announcement that graduate programs would continue?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I will check the time line for you.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: You can take that on notice as well.</p>	Page 32 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
223.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	<p>Is the department's broader graduate program continuing?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: What opportunity is there for the AusAID recruits to participate in the department's broader graduate program?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will be running an integrated recruitment process for graduates next year and, as is always the case, everybody is welcome to apply.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Have you made it clear to the recruits who no longer have a job with AusAID that this is a potential path for them?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I will have to check the correspondence.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: I do not think it is a correspondence issue. I am asking you from an operational point of view: is it your intention to include those people very actively in the department's broader graduate program?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: As I said, we will run an integrated recruitment round. We will advertise, as we normally do, and go through the usual merit process. Anybody who thinks they are eligible is very welcome to</p>	Page 32 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>apply.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Will you be contacting the recruits from AusAID specifically and notifying them about that potential opportunity?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I would be happy to do that, as long as they understand that it is a merit process.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Can you tell the committee that you are going to do it, or are you going to go away and think about it?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I am going to go away to think about it because the secretary is not here and I would need to check with him. In the end, it is his responsibility. I cannot see that he would have any objection, but I want to make it very clear that us encouraging someone to look at the process does not mean they will get any consideration over and above a merit process.</p>			
224.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	Can you tell me whether these recruits have been offered any support following the receipt of this letter? What has been offered to them to at least help them understand what has happened?	Page 32 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
225.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	Did AusAID staff travel to the locations to conduct the interviews and did they incur any costs that can now be paid back?	Page 33 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
226.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	Have you received any specific claims in relation to detriment caused by the axing of the program, apart from this letter that you have sent out eliciting a response?	Page 33 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
227.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Dastyari	FM travel	Senator Edwards, for altruistic reasons, asked a series of questions with regard to former Foreign Minister Carr. When you are doing those calculations and putting the figures together could you also do the same calculations for the current Foreign Minister, including travel requirements and similar matters. I refer in particular to media reports that the current Foreign Minister has requested that, while travelling overseas, somebody from the mission be assigned as her running mate. So I am asking that you do for Foreign Minister Bishop the exact same calculations for the exact same series of questions that have been asked about Senator Carr.	Page 33 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
228.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Lundy	Graduate program	<p>Going back to the graduate program for 2014, could I asked the department to provide details of how many people were offered employment.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: For next year's round?</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I am not sure we have set the number yet, but we will do our best to provide that to you.</p>	Page 33 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
229.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Fawcett	VRs	I want to go back to the topic of staff redundancies. In a statement in May 2012 former secretary Dennis Richardson said that, because of the	Page 33 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>efficiency dividends, the savings that were being required by government—up to 150 jobs—would need to be shed. The figures he gave on voluntary redundancies during the period were well short of that. What was the final number of people shed as a result of the efficiency dividend?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I will have to get the number for you.</p>			
230.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Wong	FM travel	<p>Mr Roach, could you give full details of the minister's trips since she was sworn in—how long she stayed in each place and a full list of who was met on each of those trips.</p> <p>Mr Roach: I can probably assist you now.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have it in a document?</p> <p>CHAIR: It is probably better on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can table the document. I would much prefer that, if that is possible.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice...</p> <p>Senator WONG: ... We might ask some questions about that, but that is a matter for you. Can you also indicate how many departmental and ministerial staff have accompanied the minister on each trip.</p>	Page 35 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
231.	DFAT - NAD	Senator Wong	Japan	<p>Were there any reactions from other foreign diplomats or diplomatic corps to the minister's statements? ['we should describe Japan as our best friend in Asia and not only say it but mean it']</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Not that I am aware, but I will check for you.</p>	Page 37 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
232.	DFAT - SED	Senator DASTYARI	Burma	<p>What can we expect to be the nature of any kind of diplomatic support for Defence engagement—in particular, are you aware of plans for things like joint military exercises and training exchanges?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I think you would be best off asking the Department of Defence but I suspect the focus will initially be on areas like officer training and issues like human rights and other engagement—to engage with the Burmese military and bring them more into the international community.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I understand that there is interplay between Defence and Foreign Affairs. Are you able to take that question on notice and find out from your own sources within the Department of Foreign Affairs whether they can elaborate on that. Also, is it the understanding of the Australian government that the Myanmar military is still involved in any form of domestic military activity?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	Page 37 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
233.	DFAT - NAD	Senator Wong	China	<p>On notice are you able to provide the committee with an analysis focusing on the economic reforms in the communiqué and the extent to which they are beneficial to Australia's interests? I would be interested in an analysis of that. I assume there are Treasury people also available</p>	Page 37 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				to do that. Is that possible? I think it will be useful. Mr Rowe: Yes.			
234.	DFAT - ILD	Senator Wong	People smuggling	... I was asking whether the Indonesian government, prior to the election, raised the issue of turning back the boats, a coalition's policy, with embassy or any DFAT staff. Mr Chittick: I do not have a recollection, but I can take that on notice. Senator WONG: Could you do that—and whether there were any meetings held about this issue. I do not need to know everything that happened at the meeting, but on how many occasions it was raised, in what context and at what level—was it with the ambassador or was it with whatever number secretary or any other the context?	Page 40 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
235.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia	Between 7 September and 30 September, what engagement did embassy staff or other DFAT officials have with the Indonesian government? Tell me how that worked. Post the election, were meetings held in preparation for the visit? I presume the ambassador must have spoken to his counterpart. In that three-week period prior to the 30th, what sort of engagement was there between embassy staff and Indonesian officials? Senator Brandis: You are calling that a process, are you, Senator Wong? Senator WONG: Yes. Mr Cox: I think we had better take that on notice, Senator. Senator WONG: On what basis? Mr Cox: On the basis that we need to get a full readout from the embassy about the meetings that they have had. Senator WONG: Sure. If you do not know, that is fine. Take it on notice. I presume in the lead-up to a prime ministerial visit you are going to have a lot of engagement, correct? Mr Grigson: Yes, but we cannot detail all the meetings that the ambassador would have had. We do not have notes on that now.	Page 41 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
236.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia/people smuggling	... Were there discussions [with the Indonesian government] about the incoming government's approach to asylum seeker policy? Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice. We do not have the notes here.	Page 41 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
237.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia	How many bilateral meetings to date has Ms Bishop had with Mr Natalegawa? Mr Cox: Six. Senator WONG: Was the leaders week one the first? Mr Cox: Yes. Senator WONG: How many? Was it just the one in that week? Mr Cox: Yes. Mr Grigson: Senator, just let me check that for you. I think there may	Page 41-42 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>have been a second—not a formal meeting, but a second conversation. Mr Cox: We will check that. She did meet with him once bilaterally and then trilaterally, with the East Timorese. And she may have met him again in passing, because there are a lot of meetings during that week. We will check. Mr Grigson: For the sake of completeness we will check. Senator WONG: That is fine. Tell me about the six—the six or seven, depending on Mr Grigson checking the record. Senator Brandis: Why don't we give you the date and the venue of each? Senator WONG: On notice that would be very useful...</p>			
238.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia/people smuggling	<p>Mr Morrison publicly stated that the coalition would have a program—this is in relation to the 'buy back the boats' policy—that reaches out to up to a hundred villages across Indonesia. Has anyone from DFAT been involved in any aspect of the implementation of that particular commitment? Mr Grigson: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Have we visited a hundred villages? Senator Brandis: That is a different question. Senator WONG: That is why it is another question. Senator Brandis: We will take that on notice as well. Senator WONG: Has anyone from the embassy been sent to any Indonesian fishing village to assess whether or not it is possible to implement a boat-buyback policy in any of those villages? Mr Grigson: We will take that on notice.</p>	Page 46 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
239.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia/people smuggling	<p>In relation to the [Prime Minister's] press conference on 1 or 2 October, were embassy staff involved in organising a press conference? Mr Grigson: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 47 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
240.	DFAT - SED	Senator Wong	Indonesia/people smuggling	<p>Are there general protocols in relation to the admission of foreign press to Prime Ministers' press conferences whilst on a visit, or is it ad hoc? Mr Grigson: It is certainly not a protocol run by this department. I would need to check with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for you. Senator WONG: So you cannot comment on the fact that Indonesian journalists were not permitted to attend? This is what is reported; I do not know. Mr Grigson: I do not, either, because I was not involved in the organisation of it. Senator WONG: Can you tell me what the public reaction, if any, of the Indonesian government was to that? Senator Brandis: For the same reason, without having the same</p>	Page 47 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				discussion again, we have canvassed the objectionable character of that question. But, in any event, we will take that on notice.			
241.	DFAT - CMD	Senator Heffernan	Royal Commission on child abuse	<p>It might be inappropriate, but I would like to ask questions on whether the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have made a submission to the royal commission on child abuse.</p> <p>Mr Smith: I think the answer to that is no. To the best of my knowledge we have not...</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator Heffernan, you have asked a question, and Mr Smith has said that to the best of his knowledge there was no such submission. Then you pressed him, and Mr Grigson has said that we would take the question on notice.</p>	Page 47-48 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
242.	DFAT - CMD	Senator DI NATALE	Bali – Consulate security perimeter breach	<p>Did they [the three Papuan students, Rofinus Yanggam, Markus Jerewon and Yuvensius Goo, who scaled the Australian consulate in Bali on Sunday, 4 October] indicate any desire or intention to remain within the consulate?</p> <p>Mr Smith: My understanding is that they asked that the letter be passed to the ambassador or the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: But did they express any desire or intention to remain within the consulate?</p> <p>Mr Smith: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Is that something you need to take on notice or are you certain of that?</p> <p>Mr Smith: If that is not correct, we will correct the record.</p>	Page 48 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
243.	DFAT - SED	Senator Whish-Wilson	Montara oil spill in 2009	<p>There are a lot of reports of issues such as damage to seaweed businesses and health problems relating to the oil spill. Have DFAT officials met with any of the affected communities in recent times, especially with heads of provincial governments, to assess these types of claims?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I will have to take that on notice to ask the embassy in Jakarta when they were last in those provinces talking about those issues.</p>	Page 51 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
244.	DFAT - SED	Senator Whish-Wilson	Montara oil spill in 2009	<p>Has there been any liaising at all with the Indonesian government? I understand that there is currently a claim against PTPP, the company who leaked the oil and had the externality, and that that claim is ongoing. There has been some research there, and I was just wondering if you had been involved in any liaison activities with regards to the claim.</p> <p>Mr Cox: We have met with various stakeholders at different times, but I will have to take that on notice whether embassy staff or DFAT personnel have visited affected villages recently.</p>	Page 51-52 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

245.	DFAT – CMD	Senator Fawcett	Dili – DFAT staffing resources	<p>...can you tell me how many staff DFAT has in East Timor as of 2007 compared to now?</p> <p>Mr Smith: We would have to take that on notice...</p> <p>Mr Grigson: ...we will get you the breakdown of the costs in East Timor, in terms of both our running costs and staff numbers. What do you want to use as a starting point?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: From 2007.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will do that; we will give you a complete breakdown.</p>	Page 52 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
246	DFAT - SMD	Senator McEwen	Iraq - Camp Ashraf	<p>I have some questions on the Middle East area, about Iraq and Camp Ashraf. Are the department and the foreign minister aware of the attack on 1 September 2013 and the alleged kidnapping of seven Camp Ashraf residents in Iraq?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: What has the foreign minister done to convey Australia's concerns, assuming we have some, about these incidents to the government of Iraq?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: On 2 October 2013, Australia's Ambassador to Iraq urged the Prime Minister of Iraq to advise her on MEK issues and urged Mr George Bakoos to do all in his power to ensure the security of camp residents. She also called for a full and open investigation into the circumstances of the attack. The department also made representations to the Iraqi ambassador in Canberra on 4 October this year.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Have we raised the matter with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: Our embassy in Baghdad is in fairly regular contact with the mission. I am not aware of them raising this specifically, but I will take that on notice and get you a response.</p>	Page 52 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
247.	DFAT - SMD	Senator McEwen	Iraq - Camp Ashraf	<p>Have we raised the matter with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: Our embassy in Baghdad is in fairly regular contact with the mission. I am not aware of them raising this specifically, but I will take that on notice and get you a response.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Have we had any responses from the various activities that we have taken in support of these people?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: The Iraqi government has undertaken to conduct an investigation.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Any further details about that?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: I cannot provide you with anything further.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Do you have any that you could provide on notice?</p>	Page 52 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>Mr Robilliard: I will check and let you know, Senator.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Right. Does the Australian government have any intention of pursuing this matter any further? And how?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: We will continue to ask the Iraqi government for an update on their investigation.</p>			
248.	DFAT - SMD	Senator Ludlam	Burmese refugees in Thailand	<p>I am asking you for the government's policy on whether, as the UNHCR believes, it is not yet time for large-scale transition and movement of people back into the country [Burma].</p> <p>Mr Cox: I would have to take that on notice, I think.</p>	Page 54 21 Nov 13	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
249.	DFAT - CPD	Senator DASTYARI	Honorary Consulate, Phuket	Are you able to take on notice whether or not there is any proposal or any kind of documentation that has been prepared to that effect of upgrading the status of that [Honorary Consulate Phuket]?	Page 56 21 Nov 13 (see related question no.16, point 5)	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
250.	DFAT - PSTF	Senator Fawcett	subclass 600 visa category	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr Grigson, can you tell me if DFAT was consulted about the government's rollout of the new subclass 600 visa category, which extended to a further 21 countries earlier this year?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I would have to take that on notice, I am afraid.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: When you take that on notice, could you just confirm the fact that there were seven countries in the Middle East that were included in that but Israel was not.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you confirm whether the department was consulted over that exclusion and if there are any reasons as to why they were not included in that program? Could you be able to let me know?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you also find out if the Israeli government has made any representations to DFAT over that issue?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	Pages 56-57, 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
251.	DFAT - EXB	Senator Wong	Ministerial travel	<p>Senator WONG: We are fairly short of time—because I suspect other senators have questions as well—so I wonder if we could do some of this on notice. On notice, Mr Grigson, can we have details of Mr Robb's travel since the election, including how many staff travelled with him, both personal and departmental, on each of those visits; duration, cost and meetings?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p>	Page 71 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
252.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	US Free Trade Agreement	<p>Senator WONG: True. But my recollection around the US FTA—and it is a long time ago—when there was an issue raised and, actually ISDS, I think, was one of the primary issues. There had to be side arrangements then because the text itself could not be changed. Is that</p>	Page 77 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				not right? Ms Bowes: Senator, I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure about that.			
253.	DFAT – TED	Senator Wong	Australia’s Trade Policy – guiding principles	<p>Senator WONG: Under consideration? That is a good term. The former minister in 2011 released five guiding principles on government trade policy. It was a trade policy statement released in 2011. What is the status of those guidelines now? Does anybody know what I am talking about? I have a download from your website last year. It is just called 'Australia's Trade Policy' and it has five guiding principles— unilateralism, nondiscrimination, separation, transparency, and indivisibility of trade policy and wider economic reform.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am advised by my staff that we actually downloaded the guidelines I referred to off your website yesterday. So maybe you can check if they remain government policy or not.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will do that. As I sat here they seemed unremarkable and I would find it hard to argue against any of them.</p>	Pages 77-78 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
254.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Whish-Wilson	ISDS / Trans Pacific Partnership	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I would certainly welcome your interest in, I am guessing, a significant number of comments you are going to get. It is very clear that ISDS is on the record as being on the negotiation. Senator Wong went into this in some detail, but there is a bit I don't get about the final draft, if it is concluded by December. Interestingly, at the briefing in Sydney, there was dispute between the DFAT staff and some of the people in the audience about this, and I would like to clarify it today. The final draft gets shown to cabinet first, who sign off on it, and then it goes to parliament for ratification, and off to JSCOT. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: Senator, I would have to take that on notice as to the precise details. I do not wish to mislead you. I know it is submitted through JSCOT and tabled in parliament.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: If you could find that out for me— everyone was arguing about this earlier in the month and it seemed a point of real contention. It is very important in the perspective of whether this deal is going to get scrutiny. A lot of us are in politics here, and once the deal has been done there is going to be significant pressure to get this through parliament. It is very important that for those stakeholders who do not necessarily have a voice that they get a chance to scrutinise this document.</p>	Page 81 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

255.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Whish-Wilson	ISDS / Trans Pacific Partnership	<p>Ms Bowes: The final text that will be tabled in parliament will be the text as agreed between the 12 parties.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay, as agreed between the 12 parties.</p> <p>Ms Bowes: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So is it correct to say that if the draft agreement gets changed by the Australian parliament, it then has to go back to the other 11 parties, and they have to agree to the changes, otherwise the whole thing falls apart?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: I will have to take that question on notice as to the precise procedures. Senator WHISH-WILSON: It is very important in what is going to happen in the coming months, if you are going to try to ratify this deal in the two or three months that we understand that process.</p>	Page 81 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
256.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	ISDS / Trans Pacific Partnership	<p>Senator WONG: No, I have forgotten the phrase legal scrub So is it the government's intention to release anything prior to the legal scrub and the final text of the treaty?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: I would have to take that position on notice as to what is considered the final text. Generally, I would imagine it is after the legal scrub but I would have to take that on notice to clarify.</p>	Page 81 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
257.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	Safeguards in modern ISDS provisions	<p>Ms Bowes: As I previously explained, the investor-state dispute settlement provisions, as they have evolved, do preserve the ability of governments to regulate in the interests of the public; for example, for public health objectives or the environment. There are safeguards contained in existing or modern ISDS provisions that recognise the sovereign right of governments to regulate for public welfare purposes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you table any of those examples? Can you table example clauses of the sort you have described, which actually protect? Do have any of those accessible or could you just reference where they are?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: I can take it on notice, but there are more modern examples. I think Chile was referred to earlier. But I am happy to take that on notice as examples of the types of safeguards that are included.</p>	Page 83 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
258.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Madigan	Stakeholders	<p>Senator MADIGAN: Earlier you mentioned about stakeholders, could I put on notice that you give us a list of who you would term as stakeholders—a list of those? Ms Bowes: On our website, we do publish the submissions that we receive from interested parties. They include industry groups, corporations, academics and members of civil society. There is a list on our website. I can provide to you as part of the answering of questions on notice. That, of course, is subject to their consent; those individuals or those corporations agreed to having their submission published on the website.</p>	Pages 83-84 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>Mr Grigson: I think you are asking what was our definition of a stakeholder. Is that right?</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will get you that: how we decide who is stakeholder is. Is that what you mean?</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Yes. Thank you.</p>			
259.	DFAT - FTD	Senator McEwen	Free Trade Agreements (Japan / South Korea)	<p>Senator McEWEN: Have the Australian unions that operate the car industry been involved in those negotiations or consulted about what is being proposed?</p> <p>Mr Fisher: I would have to take it on notice whether they have provided a submission, for instance. I am happy to do so. In terms of consultations, I guess I can do that as a starting point for you.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: So you would wait for them to make a submission or would you actively go out and seek their views?</p> <p>Mr Fisher: Let me come back to you and see what was actually done. These negotiations have been ongoing for some time. I think it is best that I get you accurate information on how that consultation process has unwound.</p>	Page 84 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
260.	EFIC	Senator Smith	Impact of the special dividend	<p>Senator SMITH: So is there no impact on your ability to support Australian exporters as a result of the extraction of \$200 million by way of a special dividend? Is that what you are saying?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: No, it is not.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: My question is trying ascertain what is the impact, or potential impact.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: The impact is that we experienced a number of breaches of our large exposure capital based limits. We as a board and as a management are cognisant of our capital position and the APRA guidelines and Basel III that we feel are important to the management of EFIC. Going forward, we feel that additional capital will enable EFIC to operate in a prudent fashion, consistent with our purpose of supporting Australia's exporters financially.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I will come to the issue of prudence in a moment. Would you prefer, Mr Hunter, to—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I just want to clarify—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I afforded you some courtesy. I think that is only—</p> <p>Senator WONG: So did I.</p> <p>CHAIR: He has made his position clear.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Would you prefer to take that on notice, Mr Hunter?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I am happy to take the question on notice.</p>	Page 86 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
261.	EFIC	Senator	Impact of the special	<p>Senator SMITH: I think that is a very prudent thing to do in your position at this point in time. What specific sectors are you now out of</p>	Page 87 21 Nov	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Smith	dividend	<p>bounds in supporting as a result of the \$200 million reduction in your balance sheet?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: That is a question that I will need to take on notice, if that is okay?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Yes. Further, are there any regional locations where EFIC is now overexposed and therefore restricted in providing support?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: Again, I will have to take that on notice.</p>	2013		
262.	EFIC	Senator Smith	Impact of the special dividend	<p>Senator SMITH: Going back to your earlier comments, Mr Hunter, in regards to breaches of capital based limits, how many breaches of capital based limits occurred in consequence of this decision to pay the special dividend?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I will need to take that on notice to give you a thorough and detailed response.</p>	Page 87 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
263.	EFIC	Senator Smith	Impact of the special dividend	<p>Senator SMITH: This is the last section in my first part of the questioning. Did the responsible minister in the former government express any concern at the decision and the consequences of the impact on the EFIC balance sheet? Again, you might just have to ask your colleagues for assistance.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I think we had best to take that on notice.</p>	Page 88	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
264.	EFIC	Senator Smith	Impact of the special dividend	<p>Senator SMITH: 'In the 2012-2013 federal budget'—I am reading from the annual report, signed by the chairman and the former managing director, at page 9:</p> <p>In the 2012–13 Federal Budget, the Treasurer announced that EFIC would be required to pay a 'special dividend' of \$200 million during 2012–13. The mechanism to direct how this will be paid is yet to be determined; however, legislative changes to the <i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1991</i> (Cth) will be needed to enable payment. The timing of these legislative changes is yet to be finalised, but the Budget requires the dividend to be paid to the Federal Government by 30 June 2013.</p> <p>There are no surprises in that statement.</p> <p>Despite this—</p> <p>this is from the annual report signed by the chairman and the managing director—</p> <p>our capital base is solid and allows us to support many small and medium-sized exporters. However, the level of demand to support large, long-term transactions continues to be greater than we can prudently meet on the Commercial Account.</p> <p>Why does the annual report of 2011-12 talk about the special dividend needing to be paid and does not—to replay your comments, Mr Hunter,</p>	Page 88 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>you are a risk averse organisation. We go to the composition of the board, whose photographs are in this annual report, who are well-regarded, risk averse individuals. Why is that we go from this, not raising any alarms about the need to extract \$200 million, and then in one annual report we go to statements about breaches of adequacy requirements and we go to requests for the new government to provide capital injections? It seems like a very, very large shift in attitude for a risk averse organisation with many prominent people on its board. I am just wondering if someone can provide an explanation about why the 2011-12 annual report did not express more caution, was not more prudent, and did not reflect the risk adverse nature of the organisation and, I expect, the board members.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I obviously cannot comment on an annual report written twelve months ago when I was not on the board—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Agreed.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: and I do not think it would be appropriate for my colleagues who would not have been sitting at the boardroom table at that point, so I will take that question on notice and we will give you a response.</p>			
265.	DFAT – TED	Senator Rhiannon	Australian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative pilot program	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I understand the Australian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative pilot program started in November 2011 to test the application of extractive industries transparency initiative principles to Australia's financial reporting regime for the resources sector. Can you provide an update on where the pilot is up to now, and what sort of recommendations are on the table regarding Australia's commitment to this initiative?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: My colleague Mr Parsons, are you in a position to answer that, or should we take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: EFIC is not involved in the Australian initiative, so we cannot answer that question.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I was advised that you were. You are saying that you have no involvement in the Australian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative?</p> <p>Mr Parsons: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Who does?</p> <p>Mr Gerovich: My understanding is that industry has the lead on that, and I would need to take on notice where that pilot has got to.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So when you say industry has the lead, do you mean it is outside government?</p> <p>Mr Gerovich: The Department of Industry. The former RET.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Oh, sorry, that is good. So if you could take</p>	Page 91 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				that on notice, please. Mr Gerovich: I will take it on notice.			
266.	EFIC	Senator Rhiannon	Mongolian mine	Senator RHIANNON: When did you first start negotiating with Rio Tinto about the Mongolian mine? Mr Pacey: I will take that on notice for an exact date. ... Senator RHIANNON: You publicly disclosed it, but before that how long have you been working with Rio Tinto on the Mongolian mine? When did they first approach you? Mr Hunter: I think that to give you an accurate response, as in the month and the year, we should take that on notice and come back to you, because I would like to give you the right answer.	Page 92 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
267.	EFIC	Senator Rhiannon	SMEs	Senator RHIANNON: I take your point about distorting, but I still ask you to take on notice, in terms of all your work, to give that breakdown between SMEs and the big ones. Mr Hunter: We will do that, and I can assure you that there is a real emphasis on supporting SMEs within EFIC.	Page 93 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
268.	EFIC	Senator Rhiannon	Staffing	Senator RHIANNON: Do those numbers you have just given include contract staff who may be working on some of these negotiations? Mr Hunter: I would have to take that on notice in terms of the breakdown, but the vast majority of staff at EFIC are full-time staff rather than contract people.	Page 93 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
269.	EFIC	Senator Rhiannon	Definition of an Australian Exporter	Senator RHIANNON: Okay. So you are happy to take that on notice regarding your contract staff and what they do. Coming back to that question, is Rio Tinto an Australian exporter? Mr Hunter: Rio Tinto has a very significant presence in Australia. There are a lot of Australians employed by Rio Tinto. They have very significant operations in Australia and are one of Australia's biggest exporters. Senator RHIANNON: Maybe you could take it on notice, because I assume you do have a definition of what an Australian exporter is. Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.	Pages 93-94 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
270.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	NAFTA	Senator WONG: I think one legal action has got some international press in Quebec in relation to shale gas, I think. You may not know this, but does the clause under which that is being taken have a similar carve-out for public health? Ms Bowes: Senator, I will have to take that on notice. I thought it was under NAFTA, which does. But I would have to confirm that.	Page 95 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
271.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Wong	PC report	Senator WONG: So can you respond to the comments by the PC in relation to ISDS in which it indicated that they constitute a considerable policy and financial risk?	Page 95 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>Ms Bowes: I would like to take that on notice with the qualification that I have already given that there are now—and to be honest, I have not looked at the PC report for some time—safeguards in this evolving fairly new mechanism in international dispute settlement; it is evolving. But these safeguards have evolved. Now, whether it addresses the concerns raised by the PC, I cannot say. I would like to take that on notice, Senator.</p>			
272.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Whish-Wilson	Food labelling	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay, thank you. I mentioned food labelling as a potential issue with ISDS. But, outside of ISDS, can you confirm if that has been any move by food companies to standardise or to put limitations on food labelling for agricultural products.</p> <p>Ms Bowes: As far as I am aware, nothing has been discussed that would go beyond our labelling requirements under existing WTO obligations. That is as much as I can say. I would have to take it on notice to give some more specific detail.</p>	Page 99 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
273.	DFAT - OTN	Senator Whish-Wilson	FIRB approvals	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. In relation to FIRB approvals, specifically for agriculture, I understand with the free trade deal Australia has with the US we have a much higher threshold that kicks in for FIRB approvals. We have one with New Zealand but, given we are negotiating a lot of similar things with the other 10 countries, have there been any discussions about raising FIRB approvals in TPPA?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: Once again, I cannot go into the specifics on that issue. I understand those higher approvals that you refer to have been negotiated bilaterally with the US and New Zealand. We have not offered them to anyone else at this stage.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can you confirm if you have been asked, or if it has been put on the—</p> <p>Ms Bowes: No, I simply do not know. I would have to take that question on notice.</p>	Page 99 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
274.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: I do appreciate that, Minister. With respect to the reaction to the public statements around the reduction in international development processes, has there been any reaction from community organisations and other agencies expressing any concerns about reductions in the aid budget?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I think you have seen the public debate, as we have—some are in favour; some are against. We will need to wait to see the government's final decision on the shape of the program.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Has anyone from any organisation expressed concerns directly to your department, as opposed to the media discourse?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Let me check for you. I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 101 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

275.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: Minister, is it appropriate to ask you to take on notice whether this issue has been raised formally with the Prime Minister or with the ministry with respect to concerns about this part of the budget considerations?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I can take on notice whether it has been raised with the Prime Minister. When you say 'raised with the ministry' do you mean has it been raised with individual members of the ministry?</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I am trying to see whether people have actually asked questions and been concerned about this particular element of the budget considerations. I would take it, in this case, Minister, that I would be referring to the Prime Minister, the foreign minister or Senator Mason, because it falls within their—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: All right. I will take that on notice and I will have inquiries made of those three colleagues.</p>	Page 101 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
276.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: Mr Grigson, are you aware of whether there has been any concerns raised on this issue through representatives of foreign governments or through cables?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I am not aware, but let me check for you again.</p>	Page 101 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
277.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: So, in the current budget, can you provide us with the key multilateral partnerships that are funded?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We can certainly provide publicly available spending figures.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think the AusAID annual report too would have something to say about that.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: It does have some, but in that particular phase it is not set out in that way; it just lists them. I am sure the department would have its own way of defining priority, but it is not just in gross payment, and I think the listing in the annual report is by who gets the most money.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I understand the point you are making. I will have a look at it for you.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That would be really useful.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think there is also a slight difference between priority and preference, because one can have a number of equal priorities, but if one is expressing preference then one is actually ranking one destination above another. I am sure we have priorities; I am not sure whether within those priorities we express preferences.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I accept that and I would certainly be seeking priorities—in terms of what the government's priorities are. And I am talking now because the new government has not made its priorities</p>	Page 102 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				clear. That is true, isn't it: you have not, because they are still part of budget considerations?			
278.	DFAT - GOF / IPPD	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: Are we aware whether in those countries there have been reductions in their aid budgets?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I do not have the figures in front of me, Senator, but I am not sure that it is necessarily a specific G20 correlation, but yes there have been reductions in the aid programs of donor countries, reflecting the general downturn in the financial circumstances countries find themselves in.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That has been over a number of years too.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: A number of years. On notice we could come back to you with a list of those aid programs that have reduced.</p>	Pages 103-104 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
279.	DFAT - IPPD	Senator Moore	Aid budget of G20 members	<p>Senator MOORE: Is it possible for the department to provide information on what the aid budgets of the members of the G20 are?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: We can provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I would like to see that in terms of their current percentage of GNI as well to get a feel of the members on that working group about where we stand in terms of our own position and also commitments that we have made in moving into that leadership group around this area. So if I could get that, it would just be useful as a comparator.</p>	Page 104 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
280.	DFAT - GOF / IPPD / ADCPD	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: ...</p> <p>Mr Grigson, has the department contacted any of the organisations currently funded under our aid program to give them any information about possible changes—to state what the government's position is as we move into budget deliberations around aid?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Senator, I think the material is publicly available. We have not sought to engage them in terms of a discussion around the outcomes, because the process is not complete.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So the department has not contacted any of our aid areas?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: There have been discussions over time between the integrated department, as it now is, and organisations about the future of the aid program. There has been not much more than that, Senator, simply because we have not got the shape of the program from the government.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: As the minister has pointed out, it is not firm, but I am interested to know what the communication process is—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: It will be much fuller after we have a decision, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Then there is nothing that you can tell us now that</p>	Page 104 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				you have done, except for general conversation and discussion? Mr Grigson: I can take it on notice and see if there is any more we can give you, Senator.			
281.	DFAT - GOF / IPPD / ADCPD	Senator Moore	Aid Budget	<p>Senator MOORE: That would be useful. I have got a number of data collecting questions which I will put on notice which are about our programs in the past over a number of years that I am not going to read out.</p> <p>I have got one question about a commitment that our previous government made, and I will read it out, because it something that is very dear to my heart, so I want to get it absolutely right. On the 11 July 2012 Australia pledged an additional \$58 million over five years to family planning, increasing annual contributions to A\$53 million by 2016. This commitment complements our investments in maternal, reproductive and child health at least \$1.6 billion over five years to 2015 and is being monitored by our global partners. I would like details of the governments forward plans to implement this commitment, including any relevant information on selected countries for support, funding amounts and proposed timetables.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I am interested, Mr Grigson, in terms of the process around this one. It was publicly announced at the womens conferences last year, at which I was present, so I have a certain sense of ownership about the way that this was done. So if we can get answers back on notice about where this particular commitment fits and also that last bit about relevant information on selected countries for support, funding amounts and proposed timetables. You may not have that degree of detail at this time, but if we could get that back—</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will do what we can within the parameters of the budget discussion.</p>	Pages 104-105 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
282.	DFAT – INTF	Senator Rhiannon	DFAT/AusAIDIntegrati on	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Right. With regard to this merger, which obviously would have its complexities, has it been necessary to bring in an additional public sector staff or contract staff to manage the merger or to train people in how you are conducting the merger?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Let me check for you. My answer is 'no', but just let me check that there is not someone who has been brought in that I am not aware of. But I think my answer is no.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You can take it on notice.</p>	Page 106 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
283.	DFAT - PSD (SEDB)	Senator Rhiannon	Climate Change - ODA	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. This may be one for the Attorney-General: does the government believe that helping developing countries mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change is a legitimate use of official development assistance?	Page 107 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice, because I am not aware of whether Ms Bishop or Senator Mason have addressed themselves to that issue on behalf of the government.			
284.	DFAT - PEPD / ODE	Senator Rhiannon	Aid Effectiveness and evaluation	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Mr Grigson, will the government retain the Independent Evaluation Committee established by the previous government?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: There are a number of committees that look at effectiveness and evaluation. I am not sure which one you are referring to, but in the integrated department we will certainly be looking very carefully at that. I mentioned to you earlier that one of the areas we were very keen to maintain was humanitarian disaster relief. Another is around effectiveness and efficiency.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Maybe we need to take them on notice...</p>	Page 107 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
285.	DFAT - PEPD / ODE	Senator Rhiannon	Aid Effectiveness and evaluation	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Will the findings of independent evaluations and management responses to these evaluations continue to be published on the website?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 107 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
286.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Rhiannon	Mining for Development	<p>Senator RHIANNON: The Mining for Development Initiative is now coming to the end of its second year. Is that program continuing?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Let me ask someone to help you out on that issue. Mr Exell will help you.</p> <p>Mr Exell: Yes, the Mining for Development Initiative is in its second year, and continues.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What is its funding for the current financial year, please?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice—the current financial year. As per earlier discussions with the minister, I cannot comment on the forward priorities and budget implications.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I had noticed a previous statement that 20 per cent of the MDI funding for the last financial year was allocated to community-building projects. Could you provide examples of what those community-building projects are within the context of aid going to mining?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Senator, I am not exactly sure what community building projects you are referring to. But you are right that there are elements of Mining for Development that are supporting the work that communities have and the role they play in Mining for Development</p>	Page 109 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>initiatives. The areas that we have been working in and supporting include training through the International Mining for Development Centre, which is looking at research programs and courses that target commuting engagement. Funds have been provided to the Revenue Watch Institute which promote transparency and accountability in the minerals sector, including through the delivery of targeted training for Civil Society Organisations, and there has been some work in some communities in areas in PNG.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. It was actually from the last estimates, in June. I do not have the reference in the <i>Hansard</i>, but that is where my notes came from; my notes say that is when you gave the figure that 20 per cent of MDI funding was allocated to community building projects. Could you take that on notice, please. If I have got it wrong, obviously I—</p> <p>Mr Exell: Senator, there were previous targets that were committed to some of these areas, but they are currently under consideration.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: My question was, considering I was talking about the past financial year, what those community building projects were.</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice.</p>			
287.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Rhiannon	Mining for Development	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Are any mining study tours planned?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Yes. In fact the Revenue Watch Institute, which I mentioned earlier, also has study tours.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What are the mining study tours that you have planned?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take on notice those specific details, Senator.</p>	Page 109 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
288.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Rhiannon	Mining for Development	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Does the bulk of the MDI money still go to Murdoch University and Griffith University for their involvement?</p> <p>Mr Exell: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When we say 'the bulk of the money', what proportion are we talking about?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Can I take on notice the specific amount, Senator?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes. Thank you, Chair.</p>	Page 109 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
289.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Dastyari	Aid Budget	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Senator Brandis, I appreciate that you probably would have to take this on notice, because the evidence that I am getting here is effectively telling me—to draw an analogy with other departments—that what has actually happened to the breakdown of the spending of the aid budget is not dissimilar to what has happened to the</p>	Page 112 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>grants budget or grants across the board. That is, if something has been entered into a contract, you will honour the contract; but where no contract has been entered into, but it was just the decision of the government, then it is open to review. Are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: While taking the details of it on notice, is that your broad understanding or do you not have an understanding of it?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The precise movement of the funds through the foreign aid budget—and the sort of stages at which funds are allocated, committed, contracted for and ultimately spent and so on—is not something on which I have a particular expertise. Senator Mason is the parliamentary secretary who is responsible for this area, but he is not here tonight. So I will take that on notice.</p>			
290.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Correct. Could you just confirm that the Centre for Democratic Institutions, which was started in the late 90s, basically was told last year that its funding would cease as of 31 June this year, is that correct?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I know that the funding is ceasing, but I do not have the detail of the exact timing that you have talked about. It was the end of the contract, that is my understanding.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I will develop that a bit further. Could you take that on notice for more detailed response.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p>	Page 112 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
291.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: You may need to take a number of these on notice. Upon that notice that the funding would cease as of 31 June this year, did the director of CDI leave the organisation upon that announcement?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: You have got someone here with a folder and a willing look in their eyes.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I cannot guarantee that he will be any more help, but let us try.</p> <p>Mr Exell: Sorry, could I get the question again?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Was it announced that the funding was stopped as of 31 June and, on that announcement, did the director of the CDI resign his post?</p> <p>Mr Exell: As Mr McDonald said, I understand the contract was coming to an end. I think it was about that time, but I will take that on notice for the exact timing. My recollection was that the director did resign. I cannot remember the exact timing of that.</p>	Page 112 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

292	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: That goes to my next question. Were they then subsequently advised, literally a month or two before the end of June, that funding would be maintained for a further 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Exell: There was actually quite a range of discussions that occurred with CDI some six or 12 months before—leading up to the end of the contract, as I allude to. I do not have the details of when they exactly started, but I recall there was at least six to 12 months before talking about the period coming up to the end of the current contract.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Are you able tell me what the amount of funding for that additional 12 months was?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me.</p>	Page 113 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
293.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Was there a contract signed between what was then AusAID and the Australian National University regarding that additional 12 months of funding?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 113 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
294.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: There are a lot of things on notice here. Once you have taken that on notice, could you table a copy of the contract? Can you tell me, did the contract contain a requirement that the program the following 12 months be prepared within four weeks of the signing of the contract?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will have to take it on notice. I do not have a contract or those details in front of me.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: If so, has the ANU delivered a work program for the 12 months to DFAT for the period of that additional 12 months funding?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: This is a hypothetical, so you might not want an answer this. If the contract did require that and they have failed to deliver that, would DFAT see that as a breach of contract?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 113 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
295.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Fawcett	Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Given that its success was very much based around the practical experience of the members of staff, can you tell me or take on notice whether there are any prerequisites for the qualifications or skills of staff who are going to be employed by the IPS to staff the CDI to maintain that practical flavour?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Has the current head of CDI indicated that he will leave the organisation in December?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I am not aware of those details. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Again, you may have to take this on notice.</p>	Page 113 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>Could you table a copy of the program for 2014 and detail any courses that are programmed for that period?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: The answer to that is: yes, we will. We will get it.</p>			
296.	DFAT - PDD (PNG& SIDB)	Senator Rhiannon	ABG adviser costs - Bougainville Government	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Over the last year, with AusAID's support, the autonomous Bougainville government has drafted new mining legislation to pave the way for Rio Tinto's return to Bougainville. How much has been paid to the ABG adviser, Anthony Regan, to draft and redraft the new mining legislation for Bougainville?</p> <p>Mr Batley: I will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: How much has been paid to Professor Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh to advise the ABG and landowners on mining policy practice?</p> <p>Mr Batley: Likewise, I will take that one on notice.</p>	Page 114 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
297.	DFAT - PDD (PNG& SIDB)	Senator Rhiannon	Bougainville	<p>Mr Batley: I imagine there would have been meetings, yes, in that Bougainville Copper Ltd remains a potentially significant player on Bougainville. So the answer to that is 'yes'.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice to provide details of what meetings have occurred this year between AusAID and Rio Tinto, and who was present at those meetings?</p>	Page 115 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
298.	DFAT - PDD (PNG& SIDB)	Senator Rhiannon	Bougainville	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is AusAID aware that some of its subcontractors and advisers on Bougainville have direct links to Rio Tinto? For example, Coffey International, which is subcontracted to run the aid program on Bougainville, calls Rio Tinto 'one of its major clients', while Professor Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh has obtained significant research funding from Rio Tinto? Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Mr Batley: No, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I think that at a previous estimates you gave a different answer for the professor. Did you want to check that?</p> <p>Mr Batley: I am sorry if I did that. Can you be more specific about the—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: The question was: are you aware that some of your subcontractors and advisors on Bougainville have direct links to Rio Tinto? I thought you had set it out for me previously about Professor Ciaran.</p> <p>Mr Batley: I am not sure what you mean by 'direct links', Senator.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Well, direct links as in, as I set it out, receiving funding from Rio Tinto.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator Rhiannon, the officer has said he would take your earlier question on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: No, he actually answered that one. That is why</p>	Page 115 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>I was just asking, Minister.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am sorry; I came in a little late.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That is why I was just asking. I am happy to settle for that answer and we can both check or you could take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We will take it on notice, Senator. We will have a look at the <i>Hansard</i> from the previous estimates and have a look at the linkages.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.</p>			
299.	DFAT - PDD (PNG& SIDB)	Senator Rhiannon	Bougainville	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many advisors is AusAID currently funding on Bougainville, what are their roles and what is the annual cost, please?</p> <p>Mr Batley: We might have to come back to you on that specific response. The total of our aid expenditure on Bougainville this financial year is going to be in the vicinity of \$34 million. There are a number of advisors, but we can give you specific information of that on notice.</p>	Page 115 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
300.	DFAT - EADD (MP&MDB)	Senators Dastyari / Fawcett	Mae Tao Clinic	<p>Mr Brazier: That was an internal panel of then AusAID staff.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: What were the qualifications to be on that panel?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I would have to take on notice the specific qualifications of each of those members, but I know that people working in the Myanmar section in the then AusAID were members of that panel...</p> <p>...Senator DASTYARI: My questions are about the same thing that Senator Fawcett has asked about more eloquently than I would have asked. Mr Brazier, you have outlined quite a few answers related to the Mae Tao Clinic based on the questions that Senator Fawcett has asked. I do not want to put too much of an administrative burden on you, but it would be helpful if you could on notice produce a detailed breakdown on the history of the support that we have provided for the clinic and—Senator Fawcett may want to add to this—effectively what Senator Fawcett has been asking in terms of dates, times, decisions and correspondence. I would add to that what steps are possible moving forward and the possibility for future support and future funding. If we can get that in some kind of report format that would be appreciated, if it is not too much of an administrative burden.</p> <p>Mr Brazier: We can provide that information to you.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: There is one thing that I would ask there. You said there was a panel and there were a number of applications received and that this one just was not as good as the others. Were</p>	Page 117 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>there any specific areas where this one was deficient compared to the others?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: We can give a complete answer on notice, but I think one key question is that the Mae Tao Clinic is actually not located inside refugee camps. The services that will be supported through the new program will be located in the refugee camps.</p>			
301.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Rhiannon	Development Assistance Facility for Afghanistan Phase III	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide details about where it is up to, how much of the budget has been spent and any evaluation that has been undertaken.</p> <p>Mr Dawson: There have been no evaluations undertaken for the third phase of that activity, because the third phase only commenced in, I think, September 2012, so it would be much too early for any evaluation work. But the activity is proceeding as planned, and that activity is undertaking a number of functions, including the support for logistics work up until recently in Uruzgan itself, support for technical assistance to a number of ministries and the implementation of a teacher education project that we are conducting with the Malaysian government.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Is there any publicly available information on that that you could provide?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I believe there is information on the website, but we will find the information and I am happy to get it to you.</p>	Page 119 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
302.	DFAT - SWADD (ADB)	Senator Rhiannon	Response to the report on Aid to Afghanistan	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. This may be for the minister. The Senate had the committee report on aid to Afghanistan. When will the government response on that be released?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I do not know. I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 119 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
303.	DFAT - SWADD (MENALACC)	Senator Rhiannon	Israeli settlements	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay, thank you. Just sticking with Palestine, does the government position on Israeli settlements remain consistent with the previous government's adherence to the United Nation's Security Council Resolution 446, that states that 'the policy and practices of Israel in establishing settlements in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 have no legal validity and constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East'? I just want to check if that remains the government's position.</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I will need to take that on notice because our expert on that has left for the day.</p>	Page 121 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
304.	DFAT - EADD (MPMDB)	Senator	Mekong River	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I want to ask about the Mekong River Commission's PNPCA process. I understand that in 2012 AusAID</p>	Page 121 21 Nov	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

		Rhiannon	Commission's PNPCA process	<p>commissioned a review of this process. Can you provide an update on the status of that review, considering AusAID money went into it? I am interested in where it is up to, when it will be finished and if it will be made public.</p> <p>Mr Brazier: Are you referring to the studies about the impact of dams on the Mekong mainstream?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Brazier: The study that is being led by the government of Vietnam is due to be completed in 2015, and a study by the MRC, the Mekong River Commission, on sustainable development of the Mekong River is expected to be completed by the end of 2013. Those are both studies being conducted not by the Australian government but by those institutions. In the case of the government of Vietnam led study, we are contributing funds towards that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I was not saying that we were doing it, but I thought that AusAID did commission the review of the Mekong River Commission's process.</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I am not familiar with the review you refer to. There may be a review of the support that we have provided to the Mekong River Commission for that PNPCA process, but I am not sure of the timing of that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Do you need to take it on notice, because I thought that it was sent out in 2012. I know there are so many reviews going on in that area for the Mekong, and it does get complicated, but I thought that AusAID had been very hands on in kicking off that one in 2012.</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I will have to look into it further. I am aware of these studies but not of the review that you are referring to.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Are you happy to take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I can.</p>	2013		
305.	DFAT - EADD (MPMDB)	Senator Rhiannon	Mekong River Commission's PNPCA process	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How does the Australian government plan to address the conflict with the Mekong River Commission over the status of this dam and over this dam's prior consultation process?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: The Australian government does not have a view on whether a dam should be built or not. We want to see the PNPCA process work well, and we would support any evaluation review agreement that would achieve that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That is precisely what I am asking. I recognise that it is not about whether the dam is going to be built or not going to</p>	Page 122 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>be built. It is about the process at the moment. But we have Australian officials there, they are a key part of the Mekong River Commission, and there is Australian public money going into that. How does the Australian government plan to address this conflict, which is quite real?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I will have to check. I do not think there are Australian officials at the Mekong River Commission. The Australian government may be supporting a small number of positions there. I do not think there are government officials there, though. Again, it is not the role of the Australian government to mediate between the governments that have a disagreement on these definitions. We would obviously be pleased to see the governments achieve a common understanding of those definitions, though; and we would, if invited, support that outcome.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: From what I understand, there are attempts to have the Lao government disclose the project design for Xayaburi Dam. I think some of our people may have been involved in that, as part of trying to take this forward. Following the request to the Lao government to disclose the project design for the Xayaburi Dam, have the designs now been disclosed?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I will have to take that on notice. But I would say that is a matter for the Lao government. They are obviously Lao government documents.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I know there is an incredible difference of opinion but it is still part of the Mekong River Commission work; Australia is part of the Mekong River Commission. That is why I am asking the question.</p>			
306.	DFAT - HSD (HPRB)	Senator Rhiannon	Australia's humanitarian funding to date (FY 2013-14)	<p>Senator RHIANNON: What is the total funding figure for all of Australia's humanitarian funding to date this financial year? I appreciate what the minister has explained to us on how it is being reassessed, but terrible emergencies can happen, and I am trying to understand what the allocation is that has been spent and what the allocation is there if there are other emergencies.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Just before the officers answer, we can give you global spend figure to date, and then the budget consideration comes into play.</p> <p>Mr March: The spend this financial year, 2013-14, to date is \$57.6 million. The breakup of that is half a million in Africa for Guinea Bissau, \$22 million for the Syrian conflict, in east Asia it is \$34.1 million comprised of \$300,000 for a dengue outbreak in Laos, \$220,000 for Philippines Typhoon Trami, and the \$30 million I</p>	Page 123 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

				<p>mentioned this morning for the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. In addition there has recently been \$100,000 for Typhoon Haiyan, which passed over the Pacific country of Palau. That is \$57.6 million, and I can give the division between NGOs, UN, and Red Cross and others I can give that too if helpful.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could give it to us on notice that would be useful.</p>			
307.	DFAT - GOF	Senator Rhiannon	Aid Budget – onshore processing	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thanks. Minister, prior to the election your now Foreign Minister stated in an interview on Sky News with David Lipson:</p> <p>David, the overseas development budget is for overseas development. We will not be using the foreign aid budget to prop up the detention network budget. There is a budget for that and we intend to stick to it. David Lipson asks: 'Is that from the first year?' Julie Bishop responds, 'We will not be raiding the overseas development assistance to do onshore processing.' Does that remain your position?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is what the minister said at the time.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So does that mean that the policy of the current government is that the aid budget should not be used to assist the work of what is now called the Department of Immigration and Border Protection?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator, I will take the question on notice. I am certainly not aware of any change in that position.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But money is currently going to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection that is classified as ODA funding?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As I say, I will take the question on notice, Senator.</p>	Page 124 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
308.	DFAT - PSD	Senator Rhiannon	Aid Budget – climate finance	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How much climate finance for climate change adaption and low-carbon development overseas comes from our aid budget?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Senator, I do not mean to be unhelpful but we will have to take that question on notice. It is actually my colleague who has that information and he has left for the night.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay. I was specifically interested in the REDD scheme. Do you need to take that on notice as well?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I was going to ask if there was any ODA funding involved in the REDD scheme, and I was interested in the International Forest Carbon Initiative. Can you help us there?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Similarly, it is with my colleague.</p>	Page 124 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014

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309.	DFAT - SWADD	Senator Rhiannon	Afghanistan	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Apart from the Children of Uruzgan project, which I understand is being funded through Save the Children, what other projects are currently being implemented in Uruzgan?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: Currently, my understanding is that we have three projects under implementation in Uruzgan province in addition to the Children of Uruzgan project. One is a road infrastructure project and the other two are small local infrastructure projects. One, I think, is water supply and the other local economic infrastructure.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What does 'local economic infrastructure' mean?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I think it is small markets or small roadworks. Those sorts of things.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice to provide details, please?</p>	Page 118 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014
310.	DFAT - HSD	Senator Rhiannon	Humanitarian/Emergency Relief/refugee	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you please outline the total humanitarian emergency and refugee program funding that has been allocated to each country to reach the total expenditure for this financial year? Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. And within that, could you include what amount of funding has been allocated to NGOs, UN agencies and the Red Cross?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We can do that, Senator.</p>	Page 124 21 Nov 2013	21/1/2014	13/2/2014