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PM1	PM&C	Faulkner	27 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—But can you indicate to the committee—I think you should be able to—when the first iteration of these answers went to the Prime Minister’s office? Ms Scott—I do not have that information with me at the moment. Senator ROBERT RAY—We tremble, but can you take it on notice if that is within your guidelines? Ms Scott—We will take it on notice.	Answered 31/3/04
PM2	PM&C	Faulkner	31 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Does it go to the PM’s office? [Mr Bolger’s report] Mr Metcalfe—I do not think so. I can check on that. It is a departmental consultant; it would normally come to the department.	Answered 31/3/04
PM3	PM&C	Faulkner	31 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Could it be tabled at this committee? [Mr Bolger’s report] Mr Metcalfe—I would have to check again. Senator ROBERT RAY—It would save us 30 bucks. Senator FAULKNER—I request that the report be tabled for the benefit of the committee. Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice. It is an issue and we would need to examine the report closely. As I have said, I have read it but certain elements of the report or the entire report may go to issues on which we would wish to seek privilege and, as usual, we would need a view from the relevant minister. I will take that on notice.	Answered 31/3/04
PM4	PM&C	Faulkner	35 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—What happened to the \$733,000 surplus for 2002-03? Ms Costello—That was paid into our departmental reserves to make provision for employee and other expenses. You have a reserves amount. Senator FAULKNER—What is it being used for? Ms Costello—Under the accrual system you have to make provision for long service leave and recreation leave. Senator FAULKNER—And that \$733,000 has been used to make provision for those two? Ms Costello—Yes. Senator FAULKNER—Anything else? Ms Costello—You could use it more generally for other expenditure within the department if you chose to do so, but generally we would put it into our general reserves. Senator FAULKNER—I do not necessarily expect you to have all this detail at your fingertips, but can you take on notice what it might have been used for in this case—a precise breakdown, a disaggregation? Can we get that, Mr Metcalfe? Mr Metcalfe—We can do that, Senator.	Answered 31/3/04

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PM5	PM&C	Faulkner	41 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—When were the Wallabies or the Australian Rugby Union first informed that there would be a function at Parliament House?</p> <p>Ms Yeend—I would have to talk to the officer concerned. I expect it would have been on the Friday, in relation to the possibility of the function going ahead, or it would have been after the Wallabies had not won the World Cup, in relation to the actual function going ahead. I understand the Prime Minister's office spoke to the Australian Rugby Union to see whether or not the team could be made available on the Tuesday. It was only as a result of those discussions that the function went ahead.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM6	PM&C	Ray	44 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I addressed the question to the minister, not to you, because you cannot answer it. We have now established that the department had no role in the removal of the sculpture. I ask whether the Prime Minister's office had any role in the removal of the sculpture.</p> <p>Senator Hill—Not that I know of.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Would you like to take that question on notice, Minister? You are responsible for the—</p> <p>Senator Hill—I am, but the National Capital Authority are responsible for the precinct and I assume it is their business. If you want me to ask the Prime Minister's office whether they communicated with the National Capital Authority, I will.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM7	PM&C	Faulkner	46 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are there any other costs in relation to upkeep of the grounds? I am not including any security costs at all; I am just talking about gardening. Are there any other costs, apart from these contracts? I assume they are all included in these contracts. That would be right, wouldn't it?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I am advised there may be some additional costs of buying plants and those sorts of things—replacement costs.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—All right. Can we run through those then, please?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I do not have the details; I am just told there could be those costs. We would have to check that out.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM8	PM&C	Faulkner	48 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—So we can understand how the pattern has developed over the last four years from, say, 1 January 2000 at six-monthly intervals, can we have taken on notice the number of secondees at PM&C? I do not expect you to have that at your fingertips today, but I do not think it will take a great deal of work to do that. We might then be able to have a look at the pattern over the last four years or so—how it has developed.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM9	PM&C	Ray	51 16-2-04	<p>Ms Flanagan—Based on the research I have seen, it is not a pattern. As you point out, that is a newspaper article.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—What is that research?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—What sort of research are you talking about?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—It is based on things like the Women's Safety Survey that was run in 1996, where we went out and looked at the incidence of domestic violence. There have been a number of other studies. As I say, I can give you the names of those studies and what they show.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

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PM10	PM&C	Faulkner	57 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Are speakers fees paid to some of these people? Ms Belcher—Costs were paid for two only, I believe: Mr John Matthews and Mr Andrew Stoller. That was more accommodation and travel costs. I do not believe there was anything more than accommodation and travel costs paid for for Mr Stoller. I would need to confirm just what the costs were for Mr Matthews, but it was probably an appearance fee as well as travel costs.	Answered 31/3/04
PM11	PM&C	Faulkner	61 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Obviously, if you have been appointed the chair, Ms Scott, that is the case. So how many of those meetings did a representative of the Minister for Family and Community Services attend? Ms Davidson—I would have to check that. I do not have that figure.	Answered 31/3/04
PM12	PM&C	Faulkner	62 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—And how many times has the task force reported to the Prime Minister? Ms Davidson—It has provided reports from time to time. Senator FAULKNER—Thank you, but with due respect that is not an answer to the question of how many times you have done it. You may have done it from time to time, but how many reports have been presented by the task force to the Prime Minister? Ms Scott—We would have to take that question on notice; we just do not have the number of times we have reported to the Prime Minister. Sometimes those reports have been oral; sometimes they have been in writing.	Answered 31/3/04
PM13	PM&C	Collins	66 16-2-04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Is it intended that the results of that research be made publicly available? Ms Davidson—There has been no decision taken on releasing the research. It would not normally be made public while the relevant policy work is still being considered. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I will ask you to take that on notice, understanding the sensitivities involved about whether such research might be made publicly available. Ms Scott—We will take that on notice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I understand PM&C's role is not to conduct internal polling for the government. Ms Scott—No, Senator. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I would be interested in the reasons, if any, for why such material should not be made publicly available. I would include in that question any survey instruments that were used.	Answered 31/3/04
PM14	PM&C	Collins	66 16-2-04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What sort of population are we talking about here? Ms Davidson—They did 24 focus groups, but I am not sure how many people were in those focus groups; and 14 in-depth interviews. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—So how many people are we referring to? Ms Davidson—I do not have the information about how many people. I would have to give that to you; I do not know.	Answered 31/3/04

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PM15	PM&C	Collins	68 16-2-04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—It is not business in progress, in the sense that an OECD report has been debunked by this supposed modelling that has occurred from the task force. I am curious as to whether that modelling is going to be publicly available. Senator Hill—I could take it on notice, but I would think the answer would be no whilst the matter is still being considered.	Answered 31/3/04
PM16	PM&C	Collins	69 16-2-04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Perhaps I need to ask a different question. Whilst you have told me what work the task force directly commissioned, what research has been commissioned by the various departments that has informed the task force's deliberations? You could perhaps provide me with that list on notice.	Answered 31/3/04
PM17	PM&C	Ray	83 16-2-04	Senator ROBERT RAY—You seem to have said that the whole thing is confused, yet we know that PM&C are there as the shining light coordinating agency. They have not done too good a job if all this confusion exists. Who appointed you as coordinator of this, Mr Metcalfe? Were you directed to by the Prime Minister or his office? Mr Metcalfe—I think we were asked to. I will have to check—	Answered F&PA 84-5
PM18	PM&C	Faulkner	84 16-2-04	Mr Metcalfe—There was a meeting held— Senator FAULKNER—A meeting? Mr Metcalfe—between the agencies. Senator FAULKNER—When did that take place? Mr Metcalfe—I will have to check the record. I do not know. ... Senator FAULKNER—When was the meeting held? Mr Metcalfe—I will have to check. It would have been within a few days of the report being received.	Answered F&PA 90
PM19	PM&C	Faulkner	85 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Mr Metcalfe, who was present at the meeting you chaired? Mr Metcalfe—I will have to check to make sure I have the list complete, but it was the head of the Defence Intelligence Organisation; I am fairly sure it was the Deputy Secretary of Intelligence and Security Issues within the Department of Defence who DIO, DSD and DIGO report to; I think the acting head of ONA was there. Senator ROBERT RAY—No-one from Foreign Affairs? Mr Metcalfe—I will have to check in relation to that. There was a senior officer from ASIS. Senator ROBERT RAY—I was putting it politely by encompassing it all in Foreign Affairs. Mr Metcalfe—This committee covers that agency. Essentially, it was either the head or a very senior officer of the relevant agencies. I will have to check on who else may have been there. Senator FAULKNER—I would appreciate it if you could come back to us. Mr Metcalfe—We should be able to do that after dinner. Senator FAULKNER—With the full representation at the meeting you chaired. Mr Metcalfe—Yes.	Answered 21/4/04
PM20	PM&C	Ray	85 16-2-04	Senator ROBERT RAY—It is commonsense. This is not the first report that has gone to ministers for approval. Has PM&C ever had a coordinating role before? Mr Metcalfe—I would have to check. I have not had any experience of that personally.	Answered 10/2/05

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PM21	PM&C	Ray	87-8 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Yes. However, I would not accuse a journalist of just making up a story and not talking to someone from an agency, which is the point that some people do talk. We are trying to get back to this advice that Mr Jordana got about the use of the report. Mr Jordana, can you expand on what the advice was to you?</p> <p>Mr Jordana—I will have to try to talk to my colleague in the Government Division about that. To get the conversation correct and to characterise it to you properly, I would like to have an opportunity to talk them, if that is appropriate.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I think that sounds okay. Would you be able to do that some time tonight?</p> <p>Mr Jordana—Yes.</p>	Answered F&PA 91
PM22	PM&C	Ray	89 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—How many other people have seen the precis? We will come back to the rest of the answer, but I would just like to rule these things off now.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—Again, I would have to check on that. It would be the four people who have been mentioned, plus the secretary—</p>	Answered 22/10/04
PM23	PM&C	Ray	89 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—When was the precis completed?</p> <p>Mr Jordana—I am sorry, Senator, I do not have that information.</p>	Answered 22/10/04
PM24	PM&C	Ray	89 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—When was it sent to the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Mr Jordana—That was not a question that we asked during the break. We can check that again.</p>	Answered 22/10/04

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PM25	PM&C	Faulkner	93 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—What role did PM&C play in the appointment process for a new head of ONA?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—We were advised of the identity of the nominee and we prepared appropriate material for cabinet and for the Executive Council. I would have to check as to whether the secretary had discussions with the Prime Minister about candidates. That would not be unusual.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—But to your knowledge there was not a short list?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice because I do know that the issue of senior appointments is something on which the Prime Minister frequently canvasses the views of the secretary—even in those situations where the secretary does not have a statutory responsibility to advise, as he does in relation to secretarial appointments. Whether that happened on this occasion, I just do not know. I know personally that I was advised of the name of the Director-General appointee, and we prepared the appropriate papers to put that into effect.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—If there is a preparation of a short list, for example—if this did occur; and we do not know—is that done within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—As I said, the secretary quite often can provide advice. The Prime Minister might ask him for advice; occasionally the secretary may offer advice. I will have to check as to whether that involved a shortlist, whether advice was provided and whether a short list was developed elsewhere. I am just not sure.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Thank you. And you could perhaps indicate to us whether Mr Varghese was on the short list, if one was developed.</p>	Answered 21/4/04
PM26	PM&C	Faulkner	94 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Yes. You might take on notice whether there was a short list; if there was, whether Mr Varghese's name was on it—in other words, if an original list that was provided to the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office contained his name. If not, you might indicate to us if and when his name was put forward or added to the list.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 21/4/04
PM27	PM&C	Faulkner	98 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—But does this mean that because of these sorts of arrangements the ABC is not in the hunt?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—It is a question as to whether the ABC is prepared to undertake the necessary activity. I can check as to whether or not the ABC has been approached, or indeed whether it has sought to be involved in the issue, but as I think I have demonstrated it is not simply the one television station that has a monopoly from year to year; it has changed in the last couple of years.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

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PM28	PM&C	Faulkner	103 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—It just seems odd to me that there is no recognition made on the web site when this occurs, but I suppose it is not the biggest deal in the world. You might care to take that up, Mr O'Neill, with the relevant people. You would think there should be a short annotation indicating that the reward has been revoked.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I think that is an issue that we should look at. I am not familiar with the establishment of the web site and how clear it indicates that it is a historical record of grants as opposed to a contemporaneous record of those who hold the honour, but whether or not some notation or whatever should be made we will take on notice and examine it.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM29	PM&C	Faulkner	107 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to provide a copy of that actuarial advice?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I would have to take advice on that because it goes to an actuarial assessment that looks at Dr Hollingworth from a whole number of—</p>	Answered 21/4/04
PM30	PM&C	Faulkner	107 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—How much did that set you back?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I do not have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I assume the department would have paid for that, Mr Metcalfe. You would not have slugged former Governor-General Hollingworth for it; would that be right?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I do not think we would.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—You will take on notice the cost of that; you do not have it available.</p> <p>Ms Costello—We will take it on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM31	PM&C	Faulkner	109 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Including TV?</p> <p>Mr Taylor—That would include TV.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Only TV?</p> <p>Mr Williams—We have to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM32	PM&C	Faulkner	110 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—When is this one going to kick off?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I am not sure what the timing is on that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Approximately?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I do not have the answer here. They ran some retail ads in January just to let employers know that service was available but the more extensive creative will be coming but we do not have a date.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Could you take it on notice when that one is to kick off, please?</p> <p>Mr Williams—Yes.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM33	PM&C	Faulkner	110-11 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—What is timeframe for this campaign?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I am not sure we have a timeframe. We have just run the first element of it, but I am not sure we have a timeframe for the second element at this stage.</p> <p>Mr Taylor—The current status is the first phase of advertising for the three-year campaign currently running is what we have. We can give you more details on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM34	PM&C	Faulkner	113 16-2-04	<p>Mr Williams—It is \$13.7 million.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Over what period?</p> <p>Mr Williams—That budget is over the period 2002 to 2005.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—This calendar year?</p> <p>Mr Williams—We do not have a split, but we can take that on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

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PM35	PM&C	Faulkner	115 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Mr Hockey went on the program and presented a huge cheque—it was huge in size, and it was a substantial amount of money. He said that he had asked Mr Howard for a donation and Mr Howard had said that the charity concerned could have \$50,000, and then the couples from The Block all jumped up and down and cheered. The compere said, ‘Thanks very much, John Howard, for the donation, and thanks to all those other people who donated money to charity.’ These funds did not actually come from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, did they, let alone from Mr Howard himself?</p> <p>Ms Scott—We will have to take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It was a bit of a put-up job really, wasn’t it, when it is all said and done? You would know if the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had donated funds to that charity. It is a very worthy charity. I am just worried about the way these things are spun on television. Can you confirm that PM&C did not donate \$50,000 to that institute?</p> <p>Ms Scott—We have not heard of it. I am happy to take the question on notice, though.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Do you know where the money did come from?</p> <p>Senator Hill—They do not know. They will have to check.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It was donated in the Prime Minister’s name. It in fact came from the Department of Health and Ageing. You are not aware of it?</p> <p>Ms Scott—I am not personally aware of it.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Are there any departmental guidelines in place for these sorts of grand pronouncements that this money is coming from Mr Howard, when it does not come from Mr Howard or from Mr Howard’s department but from another Commonwealth department? However worthy the charity is—and in this case I believe it is and in this case I think it is a good thing that the Commonwealth government has donated to it—it is not true that Mr Howard or his department provided it. It is all this political spin. Are there any guidelines about that, Mr Metcalfe?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—None that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Don’t you think there should be?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—To be honest, none of us are familiar with the precise circumstances. We have undertaken to take the issue on notice. I do not feel that I am able to answer the question on the basis of the knowledge I have.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—This occurred on this program on 22 November 2003. You are not aware of any guidelines in relation to ministers coming on with a gigantic cheque, saying it is from Mr Howard, when it is from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I am not aware of any such guidelines.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—So that is okay, is it?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I am just saying that I am not aware of any such guidelines.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Perhaps there ought to be. We will chase it through at the next estimates round, Mr Metcalfe, so you can get across the Reno Rumble and you can get across the incident in relation to Mr Hockey. I would really appreciate your checking what, if any, guidelines would apply to this.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—We will.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

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PM36	PM&C	Faulkner	117 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—What role did the department have in this function? Ms Costello—I have no further detail on this function. We will have to find that out. I just know that it occurred. We would normally have the staff at the house doing their normal functions.	Answered 31/3/04 Combined with PM37
PM37	PM&C	Faulkner	117 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to tell me what costs were borne by the Commonwealth for this cocktail party? Ms Scott—We will have to take the question on notice. We do not have the information with us.	Answered 31/3/04 Combined with PM36
PM38	PM&C	Faulkner	117 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—But you cannot tell me what the costs were. Ms Scott—Given the number of functions, we do not actually have the detailed costing of those functions with us tonight. Senator ROBERT RAY—But they do exist per se? Ms Scott—Yes. I am sure we can arrive at a cost for the functions, and I am happy to take the question on notice. We just do not have the information with us tonight. Senator ROBERT RAY—While you are taking it on notice, could we have the figures for December and the previous five months disaggregated per month per function? Ms Scott—We will take it on notice. Senator FAULKNER—And brought up to date for the early part of this year too—January. Why not? ... Senator FAULKNER—So you are going to provide us with a list of official functions at Kirribilli House from 1 July 2003 to 1 January 2004. Ms Scott—We will take the question on notice. Senator FAULKNER—And you are going to indicate the costs for each of those official functions, borne by the Commonwealth. Ms Scott—Yes, Senator, we will take the question on notice.	Answer received 12/9/05
PM39	PM&C	Faulkner	118 16-2-04	Senator FAULKNER—I indicate to you that, after that material has been received, at the next round of estimates I would like to go through in detail the expenditure down there at ‘party central’ at Kirribilli on these and other functions. Perhaps I can flag that with you so that you can be well prepared in the next estimates round for us to be able to look at what these particular functions have cost the Commonwealth. Could you also, in relation to the cocktail party, provide a copy of the guest list, please? Ms Scott—I will take the question on notice.	Answered 31/3/04
PM40	PM&C	Ray	123 16-2-04	Senator ROBERT RAY—Per annum. Does that include cleaning? Ms Costello—I would have to check that detail.	Answered 11/2/05

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PM41	PM&C	Faulkner	125 16-2-04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Mr Metcalfe, there was a CERHOS contract, dated 17 December, 2003, for a gift for an official visit. I just wondered what that gift was. It is from Jaymac Promotional Advertising, of Manuka.</p> <p>Ms Yeend—Are you reading from the Gazette?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Yes, I am.</p> <p>Ms Yeend—I would have to take that question on notice. I apologise. The gazettal amounts may encompass a range of gifts, and I would have to look at the documentation, which I do not have with me.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM42	ONA	Ray	129 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I have not asked that. I have asked: were any copies circulated to anyone, requested by anyone or delivered to anyone in the week before the Bolt article appeared? It is a pretty simple question; I cannot see how that could inhibit the police investigation. If it did, I would not ask it. If you think I am going to ask, ‘To whom did it go?’, I know I will not ask that question.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Hill—I would like the officials to confer with the police before it is answered.</p>	Answered 20/2/04
PM43	ONA	Ray	129 16-2-04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—So you will get back to us on the question of whether, in the various acts that cover you—criminal acts, espionage acts—it is a potential criminal offence to receive? I might as well put it very directly—not referring to Mr Bolt here, but generally—if a journalist received a top-secret AUSTEO code-worded document could it be read as a breach of the law? I will not specify Mr Bolt here. You can take that on notice. Hopefully you can take some advice and Senator Hill can inform us tomorrow on the second question. You will not be at estimates tomorrow, will you, Senator Hill?</p>	Answered 20/2/04
PM44	PM&C	Crossin	138 16-2-04	<p>Mr Williams—I am telling you that that is when that stage of research started. There may have been earlier research which was drawn upon.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—What does that stage of research involve?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I cannot answer that.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—You cannot answer it because you are not able to, or is that more a question I should direct to OSW?</p> <p>Mr Williams—It is not a question I can answer, no. It is something you should direct to the OSW.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—OSW is sitting beside you. Perhaps they might be able to answer it.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I do not have that information with me. I can take it on notice and give you what the research brief was.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

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PM45	PM&C	Crossin	138 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—You are not familiar with it? What about without the fine details of it? Can you tell me if it differed from any research that OSW had done as part of its domestic violence programs?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—No, I am not. I have only been in this job for seven months, so I am not aware of the detail of that particular research brief.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Is there anyone here who can assist you?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I am afraid that the officers here were not there at that time, either. We do not have the campaign team present because, as you can appreciate, it is a quarter past 12. But we can certainly take that on notice and get you the details of that research brief.</p>	Answered 31/3/04 Combined with PM46
PM46	PM&C	Crossin	139 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—You cannot tell me what form the research took and what the outcomes were?</p> <p>Ms Farrelly—No, but I would be happy to provide that on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04 Combined with PM45
PM47	PM&C	Crossin	139 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—That might be your opinion, Ms Scott, but those of us who have been following this for nearly 5½ years might have another view about that. Is there anywhere on your web site where a summary of this research or an analysis of this research is posted?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I am not aware of that happening, Senator. Again, I am going to have to take that on notice. You would appreciate that we anticipated some of the questions you would ask, but we cannot bring every document to the table. I do apologise for that, but we will try to get you this information on notice.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM48	PM&C	Crossin	140 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—I appreciate that. What has the \$2.7 million been spent on to date?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—It has been spent on things like the concept design of the ads.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—By whom?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—Grey Worldwide.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Can you give me a breakdown of these figures at some stage?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—Yes, I can give you the spends to date. We have also done, as you would appreciate, market testing and market research on the concepts. There has been some draft product produced that has not gone through to final clearance and final refining yet—some pamphlets and a school curriculum kit and things like that.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide me with a breakdown of each of those components under the \$2.7 million?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—What I can do is give you a breakdown of the spends under the contracts that we have gazetted with various companies.</p>	Answered 31/3/04

QoN No.	Dept/Agency	Senator	Hansard page	QUESTION	Comments
PM49	PM&C	Crossin	141 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—You do not have a breakdown, a percentage, of exactly how much expenditure from the PADV has been allocated to this campaign?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—No. I do not have that particular breakdown with me tonight. Partnerships Against Domestic Violence is a \$50 million campaign and the National Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault is a \$16½ million campaign. Partnerships has been running since 1997 and since the total of this campaign is \$13.7 million, you are looking at \$13.7 million out of \$66.5 million.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—So one could assume that the bulk of this money is coming out of the PADV money.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—It is coming out of both programs.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—But the bulk of this \$13 million would be coming out of PADV. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—As I say, I do not have the figures with me.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM50	PM&C	Crossin	142 16-2-04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—So what are those years then? Has the research that was conducted in September 2001 been paid for out of the \$13.7 million?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—We can check that, but certainly we incurred expenditure last year for the campaign. We have incurred expenditure this year and we intend to incur expenditure next financial year. So it was over the three years. I will check whether that research was actually paid as well, because it sounds as though it was in the financial year before that.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Can you then give me a breakdown of how much of the \$66.5 million you have spent, and what it has been spent on and from what dates it was spent, even if you have got to go back to September 2001?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—In each of our annual reports, and in other documents, we do actually show that breakdown over the years, so I would be going to those. We will see what we can find for you.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—If it is in your annual report, please give me the page number, but I am not entirely sure I can find research from September 2001, how much it was and the fact that it was acquitted against this community awareness campaign. That is why I am asking for, under the heading of community awareness campaign, all the elements that you have paid for, the amounts and from what dates and for what.</p>	Answered 31/3/04
PM51	PM&C	Crossin	143 16-2-04	Senator CROSSIN—What I am asking for is a breakdown of the costs of each of the elements of that campaign going back to whenever the first amount of money was paid out and for what reason it was paid out. I am assuming one of the first items that was paid for was the research conducted in September 2001.	Answered 31/3/04
PM52	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 11/2/05
PM53	ANAO	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 31/3/04
PM54	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 31/3/04

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PM55	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 31/3/04
PM56	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 21/4/04
PM57	PM&C	Harradine	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 31/3/04
PM58	Ombudsman	Kirk	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 31/3/04
PM59	PM&C	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 21/4/04
PM60	PM&C	Faulkner	112 16/2/04	Senator FAULKNER—What is the budget for the further burst to the citizenship campaign? Mr Williams—The original project budget was \$6.3 million, but we will have to take on notice to provide you with what has been spent.	Answered 31/3/04

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates – February 2004**

Please provide a list of all administered programmes in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including:

- A description of the programme;
- number of people directly receiving funds/assistance under the programme;
- a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the programme by electorate;
- the policy objective of the programme;
- whether the programme is ongoing;
- the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the programme (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including:
 - how much funding was allocated for the programme;
 - how much is committed to the programme; and
 - how much is unspent.
- indication of whether an evaluation of the programme effectiveness has been conducted:
 - if so, when that evaluation occurred; and
 - if so, the conclusion of that evaluation.

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY 16 2004
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Australian National Audit Office (ANAO)

1. Is the Auditor-General aware of the article in the Australian Financial Review on Jan 15 2004, which claimed that in at least five IT outsourcing contracts the Federal Government had overspent by \$750 million? The article refers to the ANAO.
2. Do the figures mentioned in this article roughly equate to figures the ANAO has found in its audits of Government IT contracts so far?
3. Can ANAO provide the committee with a chart showing the details of all the major IT outsourcing contracts – including the five from the Howard Government Outsourcing initiative and other big contracts such as with DVA, Finance and Customs, and any contract renewals – and their actual costs so far in relation to the announced costs and savings of the contract?
4. Will the AFR article of January 15 2004, alleging huge overspends of taxpayers' money, prompt the ANAO into auditing the various IT outsourcing contracts to learn why these overspends are occurring and just how much is being overspent?

Question on notice

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio

National Australia Day Council (Output 4.3 Machinery of Government)

1. Can a list be provided of the Commonwealth Representatives on the Australia Day National Council over the past five years, including the period of their appointment and the Department/Agency they represented?
2. What activities did each 2003 Award Recipient (ie the Australian of the Year, the Young Australian of the Year, the Senior Australian of the Year and the Local Hero) undertake during 2003 on behalf of the Council? How much did these activities cost the Council?
3. For the financial year 2002/03 can the department outline the grants provided to the National Australia Day Council by various Commonwealth Departments/Agencies – including the amount and purpose of the grant?
4. For the financial year 2002/03 can the National Australia Day Council outline the expenditures under the Events and Awards Programs and the Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities Item - including who monies were paid to and for what purpose?
5. For the financial year 2002/03 can the National Australia Day Council provide a breakdown of the Sponsorship Revenue including a list of each sponsor and the relevant amount?

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY 16 2004
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

For PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS

- Are there any advertising campaigns being prepared on behalf of Treasury or the Australian Taxation Office, other than the superannuation co-contribution campaign.
 - If there are, detail the nature, cost and planned timing of the campaigns, along with the chosen advertising company and research companies.
- Is the Illegal immigration hotline advertising campaign a press based campaign only. What is the full cost of the press advertisements and placements? Are there planned advertisements for TV and Radio? If so, what are the costs?

What is the planned public timing of:

- The Environment Resource Management campaign
- The Regional Telecommunications campaign
- Travel Smart campaign
- Citizenship
- Any further security campaign
- People trafficking campaign

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY 16 2004

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

1. On p.29 of 'Statement of Savings Expected in Annual Appropriations' 2003-04, \$1.179m of estimated savings are identified under the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet.
 - (a) What programs can this saving be attributed to? That is, where is this underspending occurring in the department?
 - (b) Is any of this related to the Office of the Status of Women? If so, for what specific programs?

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Additional Estimates, February 2004
Questions on Notice: Senator Brian Harradine

Outcome 1, Output 2.1

1. The DFAT representative at the November estimates hearings said that the line responsibility for advice on the position of the Government on the UN cloning treaty was with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Health and Ageing. Is that correct? Isn't this a matter which is the Attorney General's responsibility?
2. Amongst the various agencies providing input – DFAT, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Attorney General's, Industry, Health and Ageing and NHMRC– none seem to be willing to be identified as providing the final advice on the position Australia should take. Did the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet prepare the brief, assembling the input of all the agencies consulted, which outlined the Government's options on this issue and which made a recommendation as to what the position should be? If not, which agency did?
3. At the November estimates hearings, Ms Davidson from Prime Minister and Cabinet advised that the Belgium proposal was supported by the Government, "because we thought it had the most chance of succeeding in terms of getting in place a ban on human reproductive cloning, if not on all human cloning". When I talked to the DFAT representative in the estimates hearings a couple of days later, he stated they had not given such advice and that, "the consistent advice from our mission has been that it [the vote] is too close to call." How does the Department explain the discrepancy in accounts? Was the advice that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet gave to me incorrect? Was the Australian Government's position at the UN based on a misunderstanding? If so, is the position different now?
4. Why didn't the process of formulating the government's position on this important international treaty on cloning involve the Minister responsible for human cloning at the time, Kevin Andrews?
5. I note that, in regard to the NHMRC Licensing Committee, the Council of Australian Governments is developing an Inter-Governmental Agreement and lower level bilateral agreements covering communications, the roles of the Commonwealth and the states and territories, inspectors, cost sharing and so on. I understand the draft IGA is with the COAG Secretariat. Would the Department please provide information on the progress of these agreements? Please provide a copy of each of the agreements.

Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**OUTPUT 2 – Provision of Advice to Government to Improve Administration****DIMIA: Ombudsman investigation into detention centres:**

1. Is it true as stated in annual report that arrangements for women and families is a continuing concern (p 55). I imagine that the reports of nearly 100 children attempting to commit 'acts of self harm' don't do much to alleviate these concerns?
2. The annual report also states that provision of adequate medical care is a serious issue which the ombudsman is giving continued attention to? (pp. 56 - 57) Any developments since the annual report written?
3. The Annual Report mentions that detainees have complained that assaults on them are not investigated or taken seriously. The Ombudsman expressed hope that the finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding between DIMIA, AFP and State police would help to solve this problem? (p 57) How's that going?
4. At p 58 of the Annual Report there is a certain optimism expressed about the opportunities provided by detention centre management shifting to a new provider. How's that working out for you?

SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

SENATE ESTIMATES – FEBRUARY 2004

Questions on Notice

NB: These questions are addressed to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for response by the Department and by all Agencies within that portfolio.

Questions:

1. For each agency within the Department, please provide full details of each of the performance assessment mechanisms linked to the pay outcomes or other financial reward of individual employees, including;
 - a. What are the current process/es of performance assessment within the portfolio agency? If more than one, please provide details of each, and the employee category it applies to.
 - b. For each of the performance assessment process/es identified in (a), please list the range of outcome results an employee can achieve from each of the performance assessment processes identified in (a);
 - c. For each of the performance assessment process/es identified in (a), what pay or other financial change is linked to each outcome or result for the employee from the performance assessment [ie, the pay increase or one-off bonus or classification or level change];
 - d. For each of the performance assessments identified in (a), what is the classification level of employees subject to this performance assessment (eg SES, EL1, EL2 or APS and equivalent);
 - e. What is the principal industrial or other instrument governing each of the performance assessment mechanism/s (eg, the certified agreement or AWA);
 - f. Does the performance assessment operate over a common cycle? Please provide the commencement and end dates of the most recent full cycle of each of the assessment process/es.
2. For each performance assessment mechanism described in (1), advise the number of male and the number of female employees at each possible outcome, by classification level for the most recent full cycle (if the performance mechanism does not operate over a common cycle - aggregate outcomes using the 2002-03 financial year).