

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-09 (May 2008)**Questions on Notice index—Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio** (excluding the Department of Climate Change).

Answers to QON taken during the Budget Estimates hearing, or written QON submitted thereafter, are due on 11 July 2008.

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard Reference	Question	Comments/answer received
PM1	PM&C	KEMP	F&PA 124–125 (Monday, 18 February 2008)	Senator KEMP —...We would like to be assured that Mr Harris and his colleague were the only two who were involved in this activity. Madam Chair, could I put that question on notice. I look forward to the response.	Answer received 23/05/08.
PM2	OOSGG	ABETZ	F&PA 57–58	Senator ABETZ —...In relation to staff turnover, can you give us an indication of the percentage of the turnover over the past, say, three or five years? Mr Hazell —I will have to take that on notice. I can tell you that our staff turnover traditionally has been slightly higher—	Answer received 03/07/08.
PM3	APSC	MURRAY	F&PA 60–61	Senator MURRAY —... Have there been any formal or informal complaints, approaches or submissions made to your office with respect to the effect of these activities on morale or on the ability to perform duties as determined by the code and so on?... Could I ask you formally, through the chair, if, in preparation for the next estimates when that comes up in a few months time, you will report back to the committee on your further soundings, if you like, as to how things are going? Ms Briggs —Sure, Senator; yes.	Answer received 07/07/08.
PM4	APSC	MURRAY	F&PA 61	Senator MURRAY —The third related area that I want to ask you about is leave entitlements. Some years ago I initiated some sustained questioning of a number of agencies on this area. Again, my experience has been that when leave entitlements start to accrue, it is a sign of stress and pressure, and you should attend to that or you will end up in trouble. I recall the Auditor-General subsequently did a report on that. Are you keeping an eye on those kinds of benchmark areas to see if it reflects any blow-out or gives any indication that the better management of that area is slipping at all? Ms Briggs —The short answer is no, but I am happy to ask agencies around that.	Answer received 07/07/08.

PM5	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 68	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Are there circumstances under which the Prime Minister would consider giving advice to the Governor-General that someone should be dismissed as an executive councillor, such as in the circumstance of an executive councillor who is no longer an office bearer or no longer in the parliament having been convicted?...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—... I cannot say to you, Senator, whether the current Prime Minister is thinking of a different approach. I cannot say that to you at this stage. Of course, if you wish me to, I can ask. I can take it on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Thank you, Senator Faulkner...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am very happy to ask the Prime Minister if he intends to take a different approach on this to his predecessor, Mr Howard.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—I would appreciate that. Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM6	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 68	<p>Senator FIFIELD— I am just wondering if in discussions between the Prime Minister and the Governor-General designate the Prime Minister canvassed any change to the roles or functions of the Governor-General? I know that the activities of governors-general change from time to time, as do what a Prime Minister will do versus what a Governor-General will do. I am wondering if there have been any discussions between the Governor-General and the Prime Minister about any changes to the style or function of that office.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I simply do not know the answer to the question that you have asked...It would be a matter for me to take on notice...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—I am surprised that you do not know, but I appreciate you taking it on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM7	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 81	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—...I would like to know precisely what Ms McKew does and what responsibilities she has in this glorified title of Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Childcare. Does she answer to the Prime Minister, or does she answer to some other minister? And please point me precisely to what she actually does in either administrative arrangements or in those portfolio responsibilities.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Senator, if I can assist you any further by taking it on notice, I will certainly take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM8	PM&C	FIELDING	F&PA 82	<p>Senator Faulkner—...I will need to check whether other ministers have received charter letters, but I do know that the Prime Minister has sat down with each and every one of his ministers and undertaken a similar process.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>Senator FIELDING—Could you take that on notice then?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to.</p>	
PM9	PM&C	FIELDING	F&PA 82	<p>Senator FIELDING—Could you also find out what happened to the drafted letters? Was there some formal discussion in cabinet to say they would not put them in writing? Could you come back and let us know?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I think I can—</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM10	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 85–87	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I have a point of order. I am not interested in the history. I am interested in what Senator Chris Evans told this committee not once, not twice, but three times on the last occasion and in eliciting from the minister when this is going to be done. I mean, it is a really simple question: when are we going to see these letters?...</p> <p>...Senator Faulkner—I am more than happy to take on notice your question, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, about the tabling of the charter letters...I have given that commitment to you, Senator. I will not only take it on notice but I will see if I am able to provide a time frame, which I think is within the spirit of what Senator Fierravanti-Wells was also asking me.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM11	PM&C	FIELDING	F&PA 86	<p>Senator FIELDING—Why won't you table them—taking out any confidential information in your performance benchmarks or minutes that have been taken between your discussion and the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will take on notice the question that has been asked in relation to tabling and I will come back to you as soon as I can. That is an undertaking that I have given and I will honour it.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM12	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 87	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Could you take that on notice and endeavour to find out if the [charter] letters have been sitting in the Prime Minister's office since February.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM13	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 87	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can you also take on notice how the department can decline to table letters that you claimed did not exist? Either these letters exist or they do not—No. 1. Can you take that on notice?...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Maybe the department was, in the light of the previous evidence, looking at the concept of draft letters. I simply do not know. If I can provide any better information for you, I will.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM14	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 93	<p>Senator NETTLE—I will just tell you. The Attorney-General's Department this morning said that there was an ASIO security intelligence report that was circulated—I think they said it was on the following day—that</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>

				referred to the issue of the rendition of Mamdouh Habib. That is the one for which I am interested in finding out who in the Prime Minister's department and in the Prime Minister's office, including the Prime Minister, it would have been circulated to. Mr Borrowman —I will take that on notice.	
PM15	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 93	Senator NETTLE —The explanation from the Attorney-General's Department is that the meeting agreed that the 'government could not agree to the transfer of Mr Habib'. This is in October. Later on, ASIO formed the view that it was likely that Mr Habib was in Egypt. ASIO have already explained to me that they communicated the view of the Australian government to the United States authorities that they could not agree to the transfer of Mr Habib. I am wondering if the Prime Minister's department, office or the Prime Minister took any action at the point at which the government department formed the view that Mr Habib was in Egypt. Mr Borrowman —I will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM16	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 94	Senator NETTLE —All right. I will do it this way. Can you tell me what actions have been taken by the Prime Minister's department, office or the Prime Minister to ensure that—after this all occurred—an Australian citizen will not be rendered to another country where they might face torture? What action has been taken to ensure that this does not occur again? Mr Borrowman —I will take that on notice.	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM17	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 94	Senator NETTLE —The official said that he had no record of anything occurring after that meeting. I now want to ask about whether there has been any change. Maybe you can help, Minister, as to whether there has been any change to processes to ensure that that would not occur again... Senator Faulkner —Senator, I am a minister representing the Prime Minister at this hearing, and I think these issues are a very long way outside my own area of ministerial responsibility. So I certainly would be in no position to do anything other than to take such a question on notice. I cannot personally assist you on this; however, I make the point that you might well be surprised if I could, in the circumstances. But I have indicated to you that I think the official is trying to assist you by taking the questions on notice...	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM18	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 94	Senator NETTLE —Earlier today ASIO informed the legal and constitutional affairs committee that the Director-General of ASIO at the time communicated with the United States the result of the discussion from that meeting. Do you know whether the United States response was communicated	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>back to PM&C?</p> <p>Mr Borrowman—I would have to check that.</p> <p>Senator NETTLE—I want to know, when that response was communicated to ASIO, was their response, or the fact that it had been communicated, sent back to PM&C?</p> <p>Mr Borrowman—Okay.</p>	
PM19	PM&C	NETTLE	F&PA 95	<p>Senator Faulkner—...I will try and make sure that in taking your question on notice we give as thorough and considered a response to you on these issues as we are able to do. But I think it is appropriate that those people who are working directly on these matters, obviously, have an opportunity to contribute to any such advice that comes back to the committee. I think that is a sensible way of dealing with this.</p> <p>Senator NETTLE—That is fine. Can I just frame the question broadly. I want to know what involvement the Prime Minister’s department, the Prime Minister’s office and the Prime Minister had in relation to the rendition of Mamdouh Habib. That is how the question was phrased in the Attorney-General’s Department in terms of their knowledge of it and their subsequent involvement.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I certainly understand the question, and I think it is best dealt with in the way that I have outlined.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM20	PM&C	KEMP	F&PA 98–99	<p>Senator KEMP—Senator Faulkner, I think the message that you should give to the Prime Minister’s office is that all Senate committees are acutely aware of this issue and we will continue to pursue them. The sooner they provide these lists the better. The second issue I want to tackle—and I think you did give a promise and I congratulate you on that—is a list of the promises that come within your own department. Can we have that list tabled?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I said I would do what I can and I have done what I can. That is all I am able to provide at this stage. All those you have directed your comments to, including me, have no doubt taken note of what you have requested. If there is further and better information that can be provided—</p> <p>Senator KEMP—Do you mean to say, Senator Faulkner, that the man who rampaged over Senate estimates for 11 years, demanding this and demanding that—and generally receiving it, I might say—is unable to provide to the committee a list of the government’s election promises that his own department is administering?</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>Senator Faulkner—I am not saying that. What I have said to you is that I do not have that available—</p> <p>Senator KEMP—Can you get it?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will take that question on notice.</p>	
PM21	PM&C	CORMANN	F&PA 117	<p>Senator CORMANN—What was the date on which, in line with your responsibilities, you would have acted on making sure that the Department of Health and Ageing was consulted on this change?...</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I am not able to answer it at this stage at the table tonight.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN—That is okay. Take it on notice and please provide it to us. Was PHIAC, the Private Health Insurance Administration Council, consulted?</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM22	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 122	<p>Senator Faulkner—I will check because I suspect, for example, that the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, who, as you know, administers a department in his own right, would have been included in the process. I am trying to use deliberate language here, if I can. But, if that is not accurate and it was only cabinet ministers, I will make sure that the committee is aware of that circumstance. But I believe that it was cabinet ministers and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, who administers a department in his own right.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you for that clarification....</p>	Answer received 11/07/08. Refer to answer given in PM8
PM23	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 123	<p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Can we have an accurate time of that, because I am sure that meetings in the Prime Minister's office would be recorded in relation to when they commenced and when they finished?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—If it is of any interest to you, I will try and provide for you the time in which I had diarised the meeting.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—No, not what you had diarised, possibly in anticipation. I am not interested in that. I am interested in the actual time in the Prime Minister's office discussing your charter. Can you ask the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—If I am able to provide any further information to you in relation to my own meeting with the Prime Minister, I will.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM24	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 123–124	<p>Senator ABETZ—Now, can I ask about the other cabinet and portfolio ministers to whom you referred. Prior to dinner, I am sure you referred to all ministers, but I will check the <i>Hansard</i> on that and I understand that you may have corrected that now after dinner by referring to cabinet ministers and portfolio ministers such as the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. Can you take on</p>	Answer received 11/07/08. Refer to answer given in PM23

				<p>notice for us, unless you know specifically, how long each one of those meetings was?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—No, I do not know that information.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Right, can you take that on notice. Who was present at each meeting?...</p> <p>...Senator Faulkner—I do not know if that information is available but I will ask the Prime Minister if he cares to provide any further information.</p>	
PM25	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 124	<p>Senator Faulkner—As I have indicated to you, I was not at these meetings myself. I have a broad understanding of the pattern of these meetings and I understand that what I have indicated to the committee is accurate.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Can you tell us the length of each meeting as well?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—No, I cannot.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—On notice?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know if that information is available but I will ask the Prime Minister if he cares to provide any further information.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM23</p>
PM26	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 124–125	<p>Senator ABETZ—Yes, indeed. Then can you tell us, if these charter discussions and minutes are in existence for these cabinet and portfolio ministers, when each one was finalised? Take that on notice, please...Right—a very good attempt to throw me, but the question was, ‘When was each one finalised?’ and you talked about everything but. I think there is a need to take this on notice, as shown by your deficient answer, and I am now asking you to take my question on notice...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Will you take it on notice, Minister—yes or no?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am very happy to take the question on notice.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM27	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 126	<p>Senator ABETZ—All right. In that case, can you take on notice to go through the 29 pages of election promises and indicate which ones you deem to be key and which ones you deem to be non-key. Please do not refer us to the Labor Party website in answering it. Can I ask—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will take the question on notice, but I would indicate to you that the information is cabinet-in-confidence—as I would have thought you would appreciate; I know Senator Minchin does.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>
PM28	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 128–129	<p>Senator ABETZ—...But moving on to something lighter, can you tell us about a tourism luncheon on 19 March 2008? Did the Prime Minister’s office execute an edict to ministers that they were not allowed to go to this luncheon</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>

				<p>unless it was a dry luncheon—as in no alcohol was served? Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know about the tourism lunch that you are referring to...I have indicated to you that I have not heard of the luncheon that you refer to.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Yes, that is right.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—But I did also indicate to you that, in that circumstance, because I actually cannot make any comment about it, I have taken the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you.</p>	
PM29	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 128-129	<p>Senator ABETZ—Has he [the Prime Minister] held a press conference after every cabinet meeting?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know the answer to that, but I am happy to take it on notice...But I am happy to take the question on notice to see whether I can provide any better or further information. But, as far as I know, the commitment has been honoured.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM30	PM&C	CORMAN	F&PA 132	<p>Senator CORMANN—This is my final question: since the budget, have you at a departmental level or has the Prime Minister had any formal or informal approaches from any state premier, minister or state government official with a request for additional funding as a consequence of the decision to increase the Medicare levy surcharge—...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Perhaps I can take that on notice and come back to you on it.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM31	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 132	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Deputy secretary, can you provide the committee with an itemised list of all PM&C assets within the Prime Minister's Canberra, Brisbane CPO and electorate office please?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM32	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 132	<p>Senator RONALDSON—...How many staff positions at PM&C are currently vacant and at what levels do they exist?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—At the department?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—At PM&C.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will take that on notice. As we indicated earlier, we have a number of recruitment processes now underway. I will come back to you, if I can, in relation to—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Will you take that on notice?</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>Senator Faulkner—At what date, Senator?...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Sorry?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—As of today? [26 May 08]</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes, please.</p>	
PM33	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 133	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What does that two per cent efficiency dividend equate to in dollars?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to check that and come back to you, if I could. I will get that answer for you.</p>	<p>Further information was provided to the committee on 27/05/08 (F&PA 24) although a dollar figure was not given.</p> <p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>
PM34	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 133	<p>Senator MINCHIN—Seeing how you raised the efficiency dividend, can I ask: was there a policy within the government that agencies could apply for an exemption from the application of this additional two per cent efficiency dividend?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Not that I am aware of. I will check that, but I am not aware of any such process.</p>	<p>This question was answered during the committee's 27 May 2008 hearing. See F&PA 27.</p>
F&PA Committee hearing: Tuesday, 27 May 2008					
PM35	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 12	<p>Senator RONALDSON—How much a night was it for the Prime Minister's room? \$1,100?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—One thousand seven hundred.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—I assume it was similar accommodation for the staff?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—It was the same hotel but standard rooms for the staff.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—And you do not know what the costs of those were?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Not off the top of my head, but I can find out for you.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Yes.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>
PM36	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 12	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What is the Willard InterContinental—a three-, four- or five-star hotel?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—I do not know, Senator. It is a good hotel.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Interim answer</p>

				<p>Senator RONALDSON—It is a good hotel, isn't it? Can you double-check and see whether it was a two-, three-, four- or five-star hotel and how much the overall cost was?</p>	updated on 28/07/08.
PM37	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 14	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Mr Leverett, what was the cost of the room at the Willard? I assume the cancellation fee was not the full amount of the room fee. So what was the room fee a night?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM38	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 15	<p>Senator MINCHIN—And the balance? [of \$12, 488].]</p> <p>Mr Leverett—The Prime Minister hosted a number of much, much smaller functions for other leaders who were attending the conference. I do not have the details of those with me, but we can provide those for you—who they were for and when and so on.</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—I would appreciate that.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM39	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 16&33	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—And I will keep them succinct, if I can. I am particularly interested in the meetings in China, Minister, given the close association that the Prime Minister had and has with the Beijing AustChina Technology company and the extent of the sponsorship of his travel—I think it was about 16 trips for himself, members who are now ministers, and staff, and donations. I ask: during the trip, did the Prime Minister or anybody travelling with him have any contact with Mr Tang or any of this [or its parent] company's associates in China?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Officials are not aware of the gentleman you mention attending any official functions, but I would like to be absolutely precise in my response to you. I appreciate that my answer is somewhat qualified, as it must be in these circumstances, so I think the best situation here is to take your question on notice so we can get you a precise answer to it.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—... I would like—if you could, Minister—to make all efforts in relation to not only the Prime Minister but in particular the Prime Minister's staff or any other person that may have been travelling, to assure us that there was no contact or, if there was, of the nature of that contact.</p>	Partially answered F&PA 33 Answer received 11/07/08.
PM40	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 17	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—</p> <p>Can you also take on notice to provide a breakdown of the cost of that whole trip, similar to the breakdown that was given in the answer to the question that Senator Minchin asked about Bali.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08. Refer to answer given in PM41

				<p>Senator Faulkner—I suspect that is certainly not available at this stage.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—No, but please do take it on notice.</p>	
PM41	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 17	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Could you also give me a breakdown, again on notice, of all overseas trips that the Prime Minister has taken since he has become Prime Minister and a breakdown of the costs in relation to that.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I can outline the trips now for you that the Prime Minister has made. When the costs—you would appreciate, as I said in answer to an earlier question—</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I appreciate that the costs will take some time, given the recent nature of them.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM42	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 19	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Deputy Secretary, can you provide the committee with a breakdown of all the costs borne by PM&C for the Prime Minister's office in relation to several overseas trips made by the Prime Minister since he took office and by his departmental staff as well. Those are the two questions.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I believe that I have taken that information on notice for Senator Fierravanti-Wells.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—...I want to clarify that it covers both departmental and prime ministerial staff.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM41</p>
PM43	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 21	<p>Senator MINCHIN—Minister, are you able to enlighten us as to whether it is now government policy to include the revenue effects of immigration decisions? Is this a one-off or are we now in a situation where the formal position of the government is that whenever the official immigration intake changes, either up or down, the revenue implications of that decision will be recorded as revenue decisions of the government?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am not sure that I will be able to enlighten you greatly on this, but let me just check with the officials. In the circumstances, I think it would be a question that I would best take on notice. I also think that it is probably one best directed to the Treasurer as opposed to the Prime Minister. I will ensure that that occurs.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM44	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 26	<p>Senator MINCHIN—I am just trying to determine whether the nomination of Mr Mal Brough, the former minister and former member for Longman, was rejected by the government on the grounds of him being an ex-member of parliament or on the grounds that he was not a suitable appointee to the commission for other reasons. In other words, was a decision made that no ex-member of parliament would be eligible, thereby excluding Mr Brough by</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>definition, or was it more the case that Mr Brough was excluded for other reasons?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I am not going to answer that question. I do not know the answer to that.</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—So you do not know whether a decision was made that no former members of parliament should be on the commission. If you do not, can you get me an answer to that question?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I can take that on notice.</p>	
PM45	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 26–27	<p>Senator MINCHIN—I am curious as to why the nomination of Mr Warren Mundine, the ex-National-President of the Australian Labor Party, was accepted but the nomination of Mr Mal Brough, the former minister, was not accepted. I wonder what criteria exactly were applied. If there was a criterion that former members of parliament were not to be eligible, why did that not include former presidents of Australian political parties? Or was a distinction distinctly drawn between former members of parliament and former national presidents of Australian political parties—that one would be acceptable and one not?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I will also have to take that question on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM46	PM&C	SIEWERT	F&PA 31	<p>Senator SIEWERT—On the gag clause: as I understand it, Minister Gillard has written to all NGOs to say, ‘You can ignore this clause.’ I have spoken to a number of NGOs that have had their letter, but I have also spoken to some that have not. Did it apply also to legal aid centres?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I will have to take that on notice. I am sorry; I do not have that information with me. I understand that both the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Macklin have been looking at the arrangements with respect to the organisations that their departments have relationships with, but I am not sure how broadly that work extended, so I will take it on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—If you could, that would be appreciated, because there have been announcements—very strongly welcomed by the NGO community, I might add—about that clause having been removed. But I was in fact talking to some last week who have not had the letter. That would be appreciated. Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM47	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 36–37	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you also provide the number of cabinet accesses granted to ministerial staff on those dates [1 January 2008; 1 February 2008; 1 March 2008; 1 April 2008; 1 May 2008 and today’s date, 27 May]. With the cabinet accesses, can you also tell me what numbers were</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>granted to each ministerial office. I am happy for you to take that on notice. I do not want names; I just want the data.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—...In relation to cabinet access, I think it is best to take the question on notice.</p>	
PM48					PM&C are not required to answer PM48—it is to be answered by DFD.
PM49	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 37	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Were documents distributed from the CabNet system for [the first Cabinet] meeting?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will ask Dr Southern to respond to you.</p> <p>Dr Southern—I would have to double-check that. We certainly used CabNet to administer the documents, but I think we used a combination of both electronic and hand delivery to get the documents around, because I suspect by that stage we did not have CabNet terminals up and running in all ministers' offices. I can double-check that.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM50	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 38	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Prior to 6 December, how many people who had received documentation had lodged those forms?</p> <p>Dr Southern—I would have to take that on notice, but the documents themselves are directed to ministers.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM51	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 38	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What ministerial offices are yet to have a staffer granted access to CabNet?</p> <p>Dr Southern—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—You are unaware whether all offices have or whether there are some offices who have not?</p> <p>Dr Southern—I believe there may be one or two parliamentary secretaries' offices who are yet to get their CabNet access. I believe all ministers' offices have it now have it but I would have to double-check.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM52	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 39	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you provide me with a list of the days that cabinet has met—you can take that on notice; that is fine.</p> <p>Dr Southern—Yes.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM53	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 48	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—In answer to the question on notice, you told me that the estimated annual cost for the 7.4 staff is approximately \$588,000. I would appreciate it, given the questioning that has occurred, if you could take on notice to give us a breakdown of the salary of each of those</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>positions, and also—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We will take that on notice if we are unable to provide it now. I will just check with officials to see whether we can answer that question now. I am doubtful that we can but, if we can, we will.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I was going to give you a second component to the request to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—By all means.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—That is to set out the duties of each of the positions. Also, I take it that the chef at Kirribilli is a full-time chef and that the positions at Kirribilli are both full-time positions, notwithstanding that the Prime Minister does not reside at Kirribilli.</p>	
PM54	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 49	<p>Senator ABETZ—Under the MOP(S) Act, what entitlements does she attract in the event of a redundancy?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not familiar with the details of her contract, but I will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM55	PM&C	MINCHIN	F&PA 53	<p>Senator MINCHIN—No, we do not want you to. I think it is proper that we not unduly pry into the personal affairs of the Prime Minister and his wife. But I am interested in how this will show up in the PM&C accounts. There must be revenue derived from a source. What will appear in the accounts indicating the source of the revenues that go to make up the salary component of this woman?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—As I said earlier, it will appear at section 30, reimbursement revenue.</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—From whom or what?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will take on notice the degree to which we note what notes we provide to that account in our financial statements.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM56	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 56	<p>Senator TROOD—I think we also asked you about the terms of reference for this [homeland and border security] review. Are there formal terms of reference that are available to us?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—There are formal terms of reference. I think the Prime Minister referred to those terms of reference in his public statements at the time that the review was announced. I do not believe there is anything further—sorry, I will just correct that statement. The Prime Minister did not release the terms of reference. He spoke to them in a general sense when he was announcing the review. But the terms have not been released and there is no indication at this</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>stage from government that they will be released.</p> <p>Senator TROOD—Are you able to provide the committee with a copy of the terms?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I will have to take that on notice.</p>	
PM57	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 57	<p>Senator TROOD—And the other person?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—The administrative assistant is an APS4 on a contract engagement, so they would be paid at the rate of an APS4. I do not have that detail with me.</p> <p>Senator TROOD—But that person is not a member of any department. They have been engaged from outside the Public Service. Is that right, Mr Campbell?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—I will have to confirm that and come back to you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM58	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 67	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—If you could take on notice any official functions—the same situation: a guest list and cost from the beginning of 2008.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—You would have to appreciate—I do not know whether the costs are available in relation to this [Australia Day] function; they may well be—</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Of course; the time lag.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—that there is a lag time in relation to some of this information.</p> <p>Senor FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I accept that.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM59	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 68–69	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—...My question to you is: having established that Mr Crumlin did attend the Lodge on Australia Day, was there a meeting in addition to his attendance at this reception? Was there a separate meeting? Who attended this meeting, or was it held in front of the 135 guests?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know if it was done at all. I am not aware of any meeting. I do not even know whether the Prime Minister had a conversation with the aforementioned Mr Crumlin or not. All I can do in relation to that, having provided you with the information, is take it on notice, unless one of the officials beside me or behind me is able to assist you. But I certainly cannot and I do not think you would expect me to be able to...I will take your question on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—...Was there a meeting? I would appreciate if you could investigate whether there was a meeting. If there was a meeting, who</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				attended that meeting? What follow-up was there in relation to that meeting?	
PM60	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 72	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—While you are at it, perhaps you might like to tell us if this is the only alleged meeting that has occurred between Mr Rudd and unionists at the Lodge. You might like to tell us if there were other meetings that may have occurred at the Lodge or Kirribilli or other places. If that is the line you want to take, take it on notice. But be very comprehensive in your answer, Minister... I did say at the Lodge or Kirribilli. I did qualify it.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM61	PM&C	COLBECK	F&PA 73	<p>Senator COLBECK—We will take it on notice. There was some evidence given last night in respect of the policy for tax on RTDs. I understand that the officials that deal with social policy and economics are not here, but you may be able to help me Mr Mrdak. The evidence last night was that there were two pieces of advice provided to the Prime Minister with respect to that policy in early April, prior to the announcement of the intention to increase the tax. I think it was on 26 April. Can you tell me who provided the advice on the costings for that policy? Was it the economic section of PM&C or was it Treasury?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I think the advice was that any modelling done of the excise issues would have been done by Treasury, not by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Treasury provided the advice for the 26 April announcement which was effectively that the receipts for the measure would be \$2 billion over four years?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—That would be my understanding. I will check that and come back if it is any different. I am not aware that our department would have done any modelling on this matter.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—It would not have come out of the economics section of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—No, that is unlikely. All of the revenue modelling would have been done out of Treasury. If there is anything further to add, I will come back to you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM62	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 75–76	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—You put an add in the paper. The cost of holding it [a community cabinet meeting] at a high school is not relatively high. There may be some cleaning costs, and I assume there might be some small refreshments or other costs associated with it. Thirty six thousand dollars is a lot of money. Could you just explain to me what that \$36,000 was for? Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>Dr Southern—Certainly. It breaks down broadly to about \$8,500 for staff travel and accommodation expenses to attend the meeting, and then venue advertising, contractors and materials expenses came to around \$28,000. That is a broad split.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Alright. You might take on notice some of the components of what that is and give that to me. Thank you. Is this the place to ask about board appointments in the department or is that another place?</p>	
PM63	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 80	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Who would hold a copy? We assume that the recipient of a charter letter would have a copy of the letter or a copy of the charter minute, but one would think that there would also be a copy held somewhere in your domain as the minister responsible for probity, accountability and integrity issues and as Cabinet Secretary.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not hold any such copies and I indicated yesterday what the status of any such copies was—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Perhaps not in your personal office but within your administration.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—If you wish, I can check with officials whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet holds any such documentation.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—I would appreciate that—as I said, within your jurisdiction, which includes your office, the portfolio agencies—</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM64	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 82	<p>Senator ABETZ—On what date did the Prime Minister change his view in relation to charter letters? Why was no public statement made in relation to his change of view? Why did we have to get it out of you at Senate estimates rather than this information being volunteered to us?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—In fact the information was volunteered at Senate estimates. I do not know the precise date concerned. In relation to that question you have asked me, I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you. What about the other two questions? Why no public statement?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am using the word ‘question’ in the broadest possible terms and I understand—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—No. You said you were prepared to take the first question on notice. I asked three. I am now asking you to take all three on</p>	<p>See also explanatory information on p. 76.</p> <p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>

				notice. Senator Faulkner —And I am very happy to do so.	
PM65	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 82	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Are you also taking on notice my questions in relation to Senator Sherry’s charter document or are you going to endeavour to come back to the committee at some point tonight?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I have explained to this committee my understanding of what the circumstances are—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—But you said you were going to consult with officials in relation to the status of the document that Senator Sherry referred to in the other estimates committee and whether your agencies held a copy. That is what you said, Senator Faulkner—that you were going to consult with officials. I assume that, if you are going to consult with officials, you will come back with an answer either on notice or, if you get it today—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—If I am able to provide any information for you on that matter I will take it on notice, and I will try and do this in a way that takes account of the fact that at another committee Senator Sherry has provided information in the way that you have reflected here.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM66	PM&C	WATSON	F&PA 84	<p>Senator WATSON—I am lost. Can we have a copy of some such letter? Can you table your letter?...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—What I will do for you is have a look at the letter and see if it is appropriate for tabling before the committee. If it is, I will do so. I will make my best endeavours to do so, but I do not know whether there is content in that which would be inappropriate to table. I would also before I tabled it—and I think you would appreciate this—even if I thought it was appropriate to table, check with the Prime Minister as to whether he believed it was appropriate for me to do so.</p> <p>Senator WATSON—There is a lot of confusion out there.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—With those not insubstantial caveats, I am certainly happy to take that on notice.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM67	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 85	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Are we aware that [the letters] left? They were obviously in the department somewhere. When did they leave the department—the draft letters that Ms Belcher referred to on 18 February?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I think we took that on notice.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM8</p>
PM68	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 92	<p>Senator ABETZ—Chair, can I ask one last question on this and ask the minister to take this on notice so we do not need an answer? Can the minister</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>

				<p>take on notice whether the seal of this inactive company [Invisage Australia] was affixed to the loan document?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Refer to answer given in PM8
PM69	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 92	<p>Senator RONALDSON—...Can you explain to the committee in relation to the lobbyists code why it is appropriate for you to have the final say as to who is in and who is out?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—...If you are interested—I was just trying to see whether I could find for you the precise number[of submission in which this was raised], but I do not think I am able to turn it up for you, although I did have the figure available and I apologise. I will see if I can find that figure for you....I have indicated to you that the submissions that were received—there were a number of those—if you are interested, I am happy to take on notice, because a number did raise this issue. If you are interested I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM70	PM&C	ABETZ	F&PA 94	<p>Senator ABETZ—But you know what I am saying. This person [Godwin Grech] was the author, the personal author and personal recipient of documents. We are not talking about some knowledge of the documents, some contact with the documents. He was the author and recipient of documents and then deleted something in relation to those documents. That is a lot different and, I would have thought anybody would say on the face of it, a clear conflict of interest, but Prime Minister and Cabinet does not think so.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I will have a look at the case. I am not familiar with it personally.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If you could, please, and get back in touch</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM71	PM&C	WATSON	F&PA 96	<p>Senator WATSON—Earlier before dinner there was a lot of debate about whether a company owned by Ms Rein was active or inactive in terms of the requirement for registration. I submit that that is one line of approach, but I would have thought another way of looking at it would be whether the company had assets and liabilities—assets that could be discharged or realised or liabilities that could be discharged. I would have thought that was the real determinant as to whether registration was required for the purposes of the pecuniary interest. Maybe you might like to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Senator, you raised this with me informally before the commencement of the hearings and I indicated to you that I would take the question on notice. I do so.</p> <p>Senator WATSON—Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM72	PM&C	MURRAY	F&PA 96	<p>Senator MURRAY—...I wonder whether you would consider taking this</p>	Answer received

				<p>question on notice: is the government of the view that the grounds that I outlined in general still apply in that the release of the documents at that time were likely to contaminate any discovery process and prejudice parties' legal rights or be subject to the sub judice convention?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to take it on notice but I would mention a caveat here which, again, is a timing issue. Obviously, it may not be possible to respond to such a question within the normal time frame for the committee, depending, as you would appreciate, on the timing of the government decision. These things are not always reflected in tables of answers to questions on notice.</p>	11/07/08.
PM73	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 97	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I want to turn to the 2020 Summit: I am just wondering whether, Deputy Secretary, you have got an itemised cost for the summit that you can table.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I do not have an itemised cost breakdown at this stage but I am happy to take that on notice. As you can see, in the budget measures, \$2.6 million has been appropriated in the budget forward measures for this year for the summit. At this stage, we anticipate operating within that budget. Our expenditure has been around \$1.9 million, while we still have a number of invoices to come in and settle.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you provide me with an itemised cost for transport, accommodation, venue hire, audio-visual productions, wages, printing and all contracts entered into for the 2020 Summit—catering and all other expenses?</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM120</p>
PM74	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 98	<p>Mr Mrdak—That was reimbursement of the costs incurred by the University of Melbourne in doing the program content and development for the summit. It covered the reimbursement for some staff costs of the VCO, some contractors and consultants they engaged, secondments of staff from other agencies, the printing of programs, some facilitation advice and some work on the opening session of the summit. The total of that reimbursement and those costs was the \$317,000.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—If you take it on notice, can you provide me with a detailed list of those costs?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes, certainly.</p>	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Refer to answer given in PM120</p>
PM75	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 99	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Who from the Prime Minister's office gave this oral communication of the suggested list of contractors?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not aware of that directly.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you take it on notice please.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				Mr Mrdak —I am happy to.	
PM76	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 99	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you also take on notice the names of the other people that were suggested from the PMO that might have been suitable for this position.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will check that, Senator.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM77	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 100	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Some of my colleagues may have questions on the information you have just provided, but when was the department first advised of the creation of the 2020 summit?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—The summit was announced on 3 February. I do not have details of any prior discussions that may have taken place. I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—How was it advised?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to take that on notice. Certainly the Prime Minister made a public statement on 3 February announcing his intention to hold a summit.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—When was the department advised?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to take that on notice. That predated my arrival in the department. I will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM78	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 101–102	<p>Senator RONALDSON—No, when they were first made public. When the first contracts or tenders relating to the 2020 Summit made—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—The call for tenders?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM79	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 104	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Who in the PMO was responsible for the suggestion of the name of CMAX Communications to you, do you know?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not clear on that.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Would you take it notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM80	PM&C	JOHNSTON	F&PA 108	<p>Senator JOHNSTON—What information was disclosed by the panel? [panel of providers to the former Government Communications Unit]</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not familiar with that. I would have to go back and check on it.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM81	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-	F&PA 110	Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS —All right. What I find really	Answer received

		WELLS		<p>interesting is that if you do an ASIC search you would see that this company, CMAX Communications Pty Ltd, changed its name to Maximum Communications Pty Ltd on—wait for it—22 April 2008. On 24 April you paid CMAX Communications which, on the ASIC record I have in front of me, is no longer CMAX Communications; it has another name. There is a real issue here. First of all, do you know about it?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I was not aware of the issue of the change that you have outlined, Senator. I am happy to look at that...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will look at that. Obviously we would need to understand, if that has occurred, the basis on which the contract was transferred to the new entity and what rights and obligations were transferred as part of any change. I am happy to take that on notice and I will look at that issue.</p>	11/07/08.
PM82	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 119	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Bearing that in mind, in relation to the prime ministerial representative on that committee—I think this is a relevant question to ask, and the deputy secretary may be able to assist here—who from the Prime Minister’s office was in the meeting where CMAX was recommended? We would not want to see that person find themselves on that committee...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I have undertaken to the committee to take that on notice...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Yes, but who from the Prime Minister’s office was actually at that meeting?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I have taken that on notice.</p>	<p>There is a distinction between this QON and the QON asked on p. 104. This question specifies <u>who</u> made the recommendation.</p> <p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p>
PM83	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 120	<p>Senator RONALDSON—So you got the PPQ? When was that PPQ delivered, do you know?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—It would have been in mid-May, I believe.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Mid-May?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will check the dates on that and confirm that for you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM84	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 121	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Do you want to get back to me and let me know when the department was made aware of the summit?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes, I will take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM85	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 122	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What did you say to him: ‘We are going to need to get something put together very quickly so we can start building the case around this issue?’</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—No, I did not say that. I said that I thought the issues that had been raised by me with officials at a briefing were important enough to warrant further consideration—I have identified to you what they were—</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>and suggested to him how this might progress.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Just finally—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—What I cannot say to you—and I just want to be really clear on this—is whether that phone conversation took place on the 20th or the 21st. I believe it was the 21st, but I will need to really check that date.</p>	
PM86	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 122 & 129	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Thank you. Can you take on notice, please, the details of any meetings that Annie O’Rourke from the PMO attended from the date of the announcement and through the relevant period that we are talking about, at least to 3 March when the contract was signed? You are already going to find out for me who it was from the PMO who attended this meeting where the recommendation was made. If that is a different person then you will advise me accordingly...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will check that...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—A pretty strong recommendation, as we know. When I asked you before about a Ms Annie O’Rourke and the meetings that she attended you said you would take that on notice. Can you also add to that list in the same time frame—so just add to the answer—the names Fiona Sugden and Lachlan Harris. So, along with Annie O’Rourke and the meetings that I asked you to identify that she was at, can you also for those same meetings add the names Lachlan Harris and Fiona Sugden.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM87	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 123	<p>Senator RONALDSON—So you have spoken to her. Who was the third player in this matter? Was it the PMO? Have you spoken to anyone in the PMO about this staff—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—The third player, as you describe them in this matter, if you mean the other member of the staffing committee, is the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff. I do not know whether the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff has had any contact with the Deputy Prime Minister on this matter. I simply do not know that. But, if you would like me to, I will take it on notice and try to establish that for you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM88	PM&C	ALLISON	F&PA 127	<p>Senator ALLISON—Can I ask you to take that on board and find out why our facilitator would have insisted on couching all of the points and ideas in terms of ‘could’ instead of some other expression?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will try and check that. In fact, I will check it against the final report just to see. But I am certainly not aware of a central approach like that, though I may be wrong. I will check that.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM89	PM&C	ALLISON	F&PA 127	<p>Senator ALLISON—Concerns were raised in my group about what was seen as a domination by vested interests, particularly the coal sector. How</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>many representatives or people with connections with the coal industry were part of the sustainability stream?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to check that.</p> <p>Senator ALLISON—Could you do that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes.</p>	
PM90	PM&C	ALLISON	F&PA 128	<p>Senator ALLISON—The facilitator of the water group, and subsequently the sustainability group as a whole, was Elizabeth Nosworthy. She, it seems, is deputy chair of the Clean Coal Technology Board and was the chair of the Stanwell Corporation. I noticed bios were not provided for the facilitators which might have revealed these sorts of connections. Do you think that was an oversight?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am certainly aware that the bios of the lead facilitators were published in the program. Are you talking about facilitators for substreams?</p> <p>Senator ALLISON—Correct.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—No, those bios were not provided as far as I am aware. I would need to check how substream facilitators were selected or appointed into those roles.</p> <p>Senator ALLISON—I must say I was surprised that it was ruled out of order for the words ‘renewable energy’ to be included in any of the text that went in from the whole group, given the government’s own commitment to renewable energy, the renewable energy target and the fund for renewable energy development. Does that surprise you as well?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am certainly not aware of that. As I said, I am happy to have a look at that, but I am not aware of any such thing taking place.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM91	PM&C	ALLISON	F&PA 128	<p>Senator ALLISON—You mentioned that the convenors all have bios, and that was right. The connection that Roger Beale, who was the convenor for our group, has as Director of Connector Motorways, the Lane Cove Tunnel Project organisation, was initially published on the website and then that connection, him being Director of Connector Motorways, was subsequently removed from his biography. Can you shed some light on why that might be the case?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not aware of that. I am happy to take that on notice. If there has been a change to the bio, I am certainly not aware of it.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM92	PM&C	ALLISON	F&PA 128	<p>Senator ALLISON—If you could do that, please. One major omission, it seemed to me, was that there was no expertise in the sustainability group from people with knowledge and expertise in the design of sustainable cities, which</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>was something of a surprise given the title of that stream. Do you know why this would be the case?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Certainly the final report of the group has a great deal to say about sustainable cities. I am a little bit surprised by your comment about the lack of expertise in the group, because I presume—</p> <p>Senator ALLISON—We might look into that as well. My reading of the people who were there indicates that there was not someone with that expertise. In fact, I think there was an individual who is fairly well known for criticising urban consolidation and has views that are quite at odds—some would argue, anyway—with sustainable city development.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—As I say, I am not aware of that issue. The co-chairs certainly looked very hard in their selection of people to get a balance of expertise and knowledge into the groups, and I am surprised by the suggestion that there might not have been expertise. But I am happy to look at the composition of the group and provide advice back to you in relation to the participants who were there.</p>	
PM93	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 130	<p>Senator RONALDSON—When Mr Kons was forced to resign because he had been shredding documents, do you know who the head of the Tasmanian Department of the Premier and Cabinet was at that time?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I would need to take advice on this too, but I believe it was Ms Hornsey.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM94	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 131	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—In an article in the <i>Australian</i> on 26 April reference was made to disgruntled participants who basically complained that participants in a number of the streams questioned the official version of the proceedings and complained that Labor’s political agenda was foisted on them. You mentioned earlier that the facilitators had guidelines about what was being sought. Could you table a copy of those guidelines. If they are not available or if they are on the public record—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am happy to take that on notice and provide those.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM95	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 131	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—...So what this whole exercise shows is that the times were—suffice it to say that the matter was rushed, to say the very least, which indicates perhaps a lack of preparation. I think that we have adequately seen that corners were cut in this process and I think that, in the process—and you could take this on notice—as you pay the bills, you are obviously doing a bit of a stocktake of the various contracts. Have you found other discrepancies?...When you provide the answer to the question about the contracts, could you look each of the contracts and highlight for me whether</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.

				<p>there were any discrepancies that were found subsequently in the process.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Also, can you tell me which of those contracts were actually scrutinised and went through the lawyers.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Certainly. I—</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Thank you.</p>	
PM96	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 131–132	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—In relation to each of the groups, could you provide the following for me: were there draft agendas; who took the minutes; who drafted the documents in relation to each of the groups; and could you also advise if there were formal complaints received? We have seen complaints through the press about delegates who are concerned that not all their views were incorporated. Could you provide me with any formal complaints that were received in relation to that process.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—We have not received formal complaints as such. I have received submissions and comments from people. We have been encouraging people to comment on the initial report, which we have been feeding in to the finalisation of the main report. In relation to the scribes, there were scribes for each stream who took detailed notes, which are what we have used to now draft the final report.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Could I get the details as to who those scribes were. Thank you.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM97	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 132	<p>Senator ABETZ—Was [Linda Hornsey] the head of the Premier’s department at the time that the document appointing a magistrate was shredded by the then Deputy Premier, Steve Kons?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not familiar with that issue, but I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM98a– PM98d	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM99a– PM99d	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM100a– PM100f	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM101a– PM101t	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM102a– PM102e	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.

PM103a– PM103f	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM103c refers to PM120 The answer for PM103e refers to PM117g
PM104a– PM104c	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM105a– PM105f	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM106a– PM106c	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM107	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM108a– PM108b	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM109a– PM109g	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM110a– PM110e	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM110a to PM110e refers to PM8
PM111a– PM111g	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM111a refers to PM23. The answer for PM111b to PM111e refers to PM8

					The answer for PM111f refers to PM111g
PM112a– PM112c	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM112b and PM112c refers to PM111g
PM113a– PM113c	ONA	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 18/07/08.
PM114a– PM114h	IGIS	STOTT DESPOJA	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/07/08.
PM115a– PM115i	PM&C	STOTT DESPOJA	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM116a– PM116h	OPC	STOTT DESPOJA	Written	See attachment	Answered 11/07/08.
PM117a– PM117i	PM&C	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM118a– PM118c	PM&C	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM119a– PM119g	PM&C	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM120– PM146	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer to PM136 refers to PM135 The answer to PM141 and PM142 refers to PM140 The answer to PM144 to PM145 refers to PM139

PM147a– PM147f	PM&C	ABETZ	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer to PM147a refers to PM75
PM148– PM149	PM&C	ABETZ	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM150– PM155	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer to PM153 and PM154 refers to PM152
PM156a– PM156f	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM156a refers to PM41
PM157a– PM157c	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM158a– PM158d	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08. The answer for PM158a refers to PM94 The answer for PM158b refers to PM120
PM159a– PM159c	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM160a– PM160d	PM&C	CORMANN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.
PM161a– PM161g	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See attachment	Answer received 11/07/08.

					<p>Interim answers for PM161b and PM161e updated on 28/07/08.</p> <p>Transferred from the Dept. of Defence to PM&C on 2/06/08.</p>
PM162a– PM162g	PM&C	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	Written	See attachment	<p>Answer received 11/07/08.</p> <p>Interim answers PM162a, PM162b, PM162c and PM162e updated on 28/07/08.</p> <p>The answer to PM162d refers to PM161f.</p> <p>Transferred from the Dept. of Defence to PM&C on 2/06/08.</p>

Written QON

2020 Summit submissions

PM98a(FIFIELD)

How many submissions were received from the general public in the lead up to the summit?

PM98b(FIFIELD)

How were these submissions taken into account during the summit process?

PM98c(FIFIELD)

When were they all finally available for summit participants to read?

PM98d(FIFIELD)

In what form were they made available for summit participants?

2020 Summit: publication of submission

PM99a–99d(FIFIELD)

I understand that all submissions were to be published, except those that according to the Australia 2020 Web Site, “contain offensive material or which are otherwise unsuitable for publication.”

PM99a(FIFIELD)

How many submissions were deemed offensive or unsuitable for publication?

PM99b(FIFIELD)

What criteria made submissions “offensive” or “unsuitable for publication.”

PM99c(FIFIELD)

Who decided whether submissions met these criteria?

PM99d(FIFIELD)

Can a list of the submissions refused publication be provided along with the reasons why they were classed as such?

2020 African Summit

PM100a–100f(FIFIELD)

I understand that an African Community Summit was held in Melbourne on 17 April (mentioned on p.1 of the initial summit report).

PM100a(FIFIELD)

What was the rationale behind holding a special summit held for one section of the community?

PM100b(FIFIELD)

Is the delegate list available?

PM100c(FIFIELD)

How were the participants selected?

PM100d(FIFIELD)

Who chaired the African summit?

PM100e(FIFIELD)

How much did the African summit cost? Please provide a breakdown of costs

PM100f(FIFIELD)

Was a report of the ideas discussed at the African summit produced?

2020 Summit Participants

PM101a(FIFIELD)

How many delegates ended up being selected to attend the summit?

PM101b(FIFIELD)

I understand that the list of “participants” was published on 28 March, is that correct?

PM101c(FIFIELD)

According to an article in *The Australian* (Participants declared before acceptance, The Aus, 15/4/08), the list was published before invitations were issued and confirmations had been received that those selected would indeed attend. Is this report correct?

PM101d(FIFIELD)

How many of those published on the list of “attendees” didn’t attend in the end?

PM101e(FIFIELD)

I understand that the gender balance of the attendees was such that 50.6% were women, which is close to the female proportion of the national population which I understand is 50.3% - can you confirm those figures?

PM101f(FIFIELD)

Was it a deliberate decision of the steering committee to ensure gender balance?

PM101g(FIFIELD)

Was the decision taken by the steering committee or was it a Ministerial directive?

PM101h(FIFIELD)

Were either male or female applicants to be delegates excluded by virtue of their gender in order to preserve the gender balance?

PM101i(FIFIELD)

How many people applied to be delegates?

PM101j(FIFIELD)

Of the final number of delegates, how many were invited by the Prime Minister and how many were selected by the steering committee?

PM101k(FIFIELD)

How many of the total number of applicants were members of *GetUp*?

PM101l(FIFIELD)

Were some summit participants called up at the last minute to replace those unable to make it? If so, how many?

PM101m(FIFIELD)

How many of the participants were current or former members of state, territory and/or federal parliaments?

PM101n(FIFIELD)

Were any current staff to parliamentarians summit participants?

PM101o(FIFIELD)

I understand that about 120 nominees for the summit that were rejected by the steering committee were informed of their rejection via an email copied to all of them – with the consequence that their email addresses became shared knowledge – is that correct?

How did that happen?

PM101p(FIFIELD)

Is the department at risk of legal action because of this breach of privacy?

PM101q(FIFIELD)

I further understand that 3 of the 120 had already received invitation letters to participate – is that correct?

PM101r(FIFIELD)

So how was it that 3 people were invited and then rejected?

PM101s(FIFIELD)

I understand that participants had to submit 100 words on an issue on which they had changed their mind in the last 10 years

How many participants completed this task?

PM101t(FIFIELD)

I understand that participants had to submit 100 words on an issue on which they had changed their mind in the last 10 years

How was this information used in the summit process?

Background Papers

PM102a(FIFIELD)

Can you outline the process by which the background papers for the summit were drafted?

PM102b(FIFIELD)

Who drafted the papers?

PM102c(FIFIELD)

Was there Ministerial input?

PM102d(FIFIELD)

Were the papers vetted by Ministers or their offices?

PM102e(FIFIELD)

What changes, if any, did Ministers or their staff request in respect of the background papers before they were published?

2020 Summit Costs

PM103a(FIFIELD)

The budget papers allocate \$2.6 million to the 2020 Summit

Was this amount fully expended?

PM103b(FIFIELD)

Does the budget allocation cover the cost of the 2020 Summit, the Jewish Community summit, the Youth 2020 Summit and the African Community Summit?

PM103c(FIFIELD)

Can a breakdown be provided of the expenditure on each of those Summits, as well as any overhead expenditure for the whole exercise?

PM103d(FIFIELD)

How many participants received financial assistance to attend?

PM103e(FIFIELD)

Can you also ensure that cost breakdown includes a breakdown of the travel and other expenses met by the department and incurred by Professor Davis and other members of the Steering Committee?

PM103f(FIFIELD)

Were any expenses of any of the 10 non-Ministerial co-chairs met?

Halal Food

PM104a(FIFIELD)

I understand that there was no Halal food available at the summit for Muslim delegates, is that correct?

PM104b(FIFIELD)

If this report is correct, why was no Halal food available?

PM104c(FIFIELD)

Who is responsible for this mistake?

Initial Summit Report

PM105a(FIFIELD)

When did the writing of the initial summit report commence?

PM105b(FIFIELD)

Was any of it pre-written prior to the summit?

PM105c(FIFIELD)

Who was involved in the writing of the report?

PM105d(FIFIELD)

Was the Prime Minister, his office or any Minister or their office involved in clearing or vetting the report in any way?

PM105e(FIFIELD)

How was it decided which summit ideas made it into the report and which didn't?

PM105f(FIFIELD)

Will the Government be responding to all the ideas raised at the summit or just those that made it into the final report?

Jewish Community Summit

PM106a(FIFIELD)

I understand the Jewish Community Summit went ahead on 14 April?

PM106b(FIFIELD)

In an answer to a question on notice, it was advised that *“Discussions will be focussed on the same ten priority themes as the Australia 2020 Summit and the outcomes will be fed into the deliberations of the Australia 2020 participants.”*

How were the outcomes fed into the Australia 2020 Summit?

PM106c(FIFIELD)

Which ideas from the Jewish Community Summit made it into the Initial Summit Report?

Media Accreditation

PM107(FIFIELD)

Were any applications for media accreditation refused?

If so, whose applications and why?

Staff Volunteers

PM108a(FIFIELD)

Of the staff working at the Summit itself, how many were there on a voluntary basis and how many were paid for their time?

PM108b(FIFIELD)

Why were some staff paid and some not?

Prime Minister's Overseas Trip

PM109a(FIFIELD)

Was a doctor on board either the Prime Minister or media's plane during the Prime Minister's overseas trip that began on 27 March 2008?

PM109b(FIFIELD)

Why was a doctor not taken?

PM109c(FIFIELD)

Who made the decision not to take a doctor?

PM109d(FIFIELD)

Who took the plane seat normally reserved for a doctor?

PM109e(FIFIELD)

How many of the Prime Minister's staff travelled on the trip?

PM109f(FIFIELD)

In which of the two planes used on the trip did staff travel? Please provide a breakdown of how many ministerial staff travelled in each plane

PM109g(FIFIELD)

How many media conferences did the Prime Minister participate in on the overseas trip?
Please provide a list showing the date, time and location of each of the Prime Minister's media conferences during the Prime Minister's trip

PM110a(FIFIELD)- Charter Letters

As at 3 June 2008, have any Ministers received their Charter Letters from the Prime Minister?
Please provide a list showing any Ministers that have been sent Charter Letters and when these were sent.

PM110b(FIFIELD)

As at 3 June 2008, what is the status of those charter letters that have not yet been sent to Ministers

PM110c(FIFIELD)

If the Charter Letters are sent to Ministers by the time of writing of answers to these questions, please provide details

PM110d(FIFIELD)

Please provide a copy of each of the Charter Letters

PM110e(FIFIELD)

If the Department refuses to release copies of any Charter Letters which have been sent to Ministers, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release these letters and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the letters and the nature of such advice

PM111a–PM111g(FIFIELD)-Charter letters

In Budget Estimates, Senator Faulkner indicated that he had a meeting with the Prime Minister and that *"It has been recorded by formal minutes going to the issue of the Prime Minister's expectations of me in relation to the benchmarks of my performance...I do know the Prime Minister has sat down with each and every one of his ministers and undertaken a similar process."*

PM111a(FIFIELD)

Please provide a list detailing the date of each of Mr Rudd's meetings with "each and every one of his ministers"

PM111b(FIFIELD)

Which of these meetings were minuted?

PM111c(FIFIELD)

Who holds the minutes of these meetings?

PM111d(FIFIELD)

Please provide a copy of the minutes of each of these meetings

PM111e(FIFIELD)

If the Department refuses to release copies of the minutes, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release these minutes and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the minutes and the nature of such advice

PM111f(FIFIELD)

Please provide a list for each and every Minister of the performance benchmarks set for them by the Prime Minister

PM111g(FIFIELD)

If the Department refuses to release the performance benchmarks, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release the performance benchmarks and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the performance benchmarks and the nature of such advice

PM112a–112c(FIFIELD)-Charter letters

During Budget Estimates, Senator Faulkner said that the Prime Minister would hold a second set of meetings with ministers starting in July to assess whether they had met the requirements set for them at their first meeting.

PM112a(FIFIELD)

Please provide a list indicating when each minister will participate in these meetings

PM112b(FIFIELD)

Please provide details of the assessments made in relation to how ministers have performed against the benchmarks set for them

PM112c(FIFIELD)

If the Department refuses to release the performance benchmark assessments, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release the performance benchmark assessments and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the performance benchmark assessments and the nature of such advice

Catastrophic Events

PM113a(FIFIELD) – Office of National Assessments

What recent work has been undertaken to assess Australia’s ability to cope with an incident that produces mass casualties, such as a catastrophic terrorist attack?

PM113b(FIFIELD) – Office of National Assessments

How is public health infrastructure placed to cope with such an event?

PM113c(FIFIELD) – Office of National Assessments

With at least around 500,000 more people expected to crowd into the public health system as a result of the Government’s decision to lift the Medicare surcharge threshold (according to Treasury figures), does the Office of National Assessments consider that this additional pressure will adversely impact on our ability to cope in the event of a catastrophic event?

PM114a(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

What is the status of the investigation by the Inspector-General into the activities of ASIO agents in relation to the Izhar Ul-Haque case?

PM114b(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

How much has the investigation cost to date?

PM114c(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

What is IGIS’ budget for the investigation?

PM114d(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

In response to my question on notice during additional estimates in February, the Inspector-General advised that he has ‘raised with the Government the possibility of amendments to the IGIS Act

which would provide that in special circumstances, formal inquiries under the Act into intelligence and security issues could cover other intelligence agencies'¹. What was the Government's response to that suggestion?

PM114e(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

Total appropriations for IGIS in 2008-09 amount to \$1.9M, an increase of \$0.2M from 2007-08. IGIS has responsibility for the oversight of six agencies, including ASIO with an estimated income for 2008-09 of \$358.383M, an increase of \$62.080M from 2007-08² - in light of this: is IGIS adequately resourced to carry out its functions under the Act?; and will ASIO's increased resources put additional strain on IGIS?

PM114f(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

IGIS has oversight responsibilities for six agencies - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS), the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD), the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO), the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation (DIGO) and the Office of National Assessments (ONA):

- a. How many employees does IGIS have?
- b. Is it fair to say that the vast bulk of IGIS' expenditure relates to salaries?
- c. Are individual employees assigned to oversight roles in respect of each agency?
- d. Are there sufficient employees to monitor each agency?
- e. Will the \$200,000 allocated to IGIS in the 2007-08 Budget be expended on additional employees? If so, what roles are envisaged for those employees?
- f. How many complaints or inquiries is IGIS undertaking? Are any of those complaints or inquiries 'own motion' initiated?

PM114g(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

In an interview with the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 12 April 2008³, the Inspector-General said;

"My belief is that a key test for liberal democracies in the area of counter-terrorism is a willingness to revisit what was introduced when there was a sense of urgency and, if necessary, modify the measures to ensure effectiveness, balance and proportionality"

In your view, will the Clarke Inquiry adequately review the counter-terror laws in place?

PM114h(Stott Despoja) – IGIS

Is a broad-ranging and independent review of Australia's counter-terrorism laws required?

Output 5.6—Freedom of Information and Privacy Policy

PM115a(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

What resources are available to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Policy branch of the Department?

PM115b(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

What is the total budget for this branch?

PM115c(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

How many staff are allocated to this branch?

PM115d(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

How many of these staff are allocated to the APEC data privacy subgroup?

¹ PM79, Letter dated 27 March 2008 from IGIS to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

² 2008-09 Budget paper No. 2

³ Push for overhaul of laws on terrorism, Tom Allard, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, April 12 2008

PM115e(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

Will this branch be responsible for coordinating a whole of Government response the forthcoming review of the *Privacy Act* by the Australian law reform Commission?

PM115f(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

Is the branch adequately resourced to provide such a response?

PM115g(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

What action has the Department taken in relation to the Government's proposed review of Freedom of Information laws?

PM115h(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

Provide details of the nature, content, time, attendees and outcome of any meetings that have occurred in relation to proposed review of Freedom of Information laws.

PM115i(Stott Despoja) – PM&C

Provide details of any budgetary provisions that have been made in relation to proposed review of Freedom of Information laws.

Office of the Privacy Commissioner

Output Group 1.1 – Complaint handling, compliance monitoring and education and promotion

PM116a(Stott Despoja) – OPC

2008-09 targets for the Office include the meeting of Client Service Charter Standards. What are the Client Service Charter standards that apply to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner?

PM116b(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to Commonwealth agencies compliance with the IPPs

PM116c(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to ACT government agencies compliance with the IPPs;

PM116d(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to Private sector organisations in relation to the NPPs

PM116e(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to compliance with Part III A and the Credit Reporting Code of Conduct

PM116f(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to Compliance with the TFN Guidelines?

PM116g(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How do these targets compare with the current and previous audit activities?

PM116h(Stott Despoja) – OPC

How many audits does the Office expect to undertake or commission in 2008-09 in relation to 2008-09 targets for the office include 80% of complaints being finalised within 12 months of receipt and 90% of written enquiries being answered within 10 days. What targets applied to complaint and enquiry response times in 2007-08 and how well are they likely to be met?

Outcome 5 – 2020 Summit

PM117a(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Who designed the logo for the 2020summit?

PM117b(MINCHIN) –PM&C

How was the logo-designer engaged by the Department? Is select tender, or in-house?

PM117c(MINCHIN) –PM&C

What was the design cost of this logo?

PM117d(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Were there any additional costs associated with the logo development?

If so, what were they?

PM117e(MINCHIN) –PM&C

There are a number of variations to the primary logo - including colour changes for the youth and schools summits, and the addition of the words “thinking big” under the logo that has appeared on the Prime Minister’s website.

Did variations of the logo increase the cost of the logo design?

If so, by how much?

PM117f(MINCHIN) –PM&C

You have previously confirmed through a Question on Notice that you paid the costs for Steering committee members.

Have these costs been acquitted?

PM117g(MINCHIN) –PM&C

What are the costs of travel, accommodation and any other expenses for each Steering Committee member?

PM117h(MINCHIN) –PM&C

How was the Initial Report of the 2020 Summit compiled?

PM117i(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Did the facilitators forward notes on each session to a central point or write their own summary of the sessions?

PM117j(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Who provided the final clearance before the Initial Report became available to delegates?

PM117k(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Did the Prime Minister's office clear the Initial Report before publication?

PM117l(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Did the Prime Minister's office change the Initial Report before publication?

Protocol – State Funerals

PM118a(MINCHIN) –PM&C

What is the standard protocol for the Prime Minister's attendance at the State Funeral of a former Federal Cabinet Minister?

PM118b(MINCHIN) –PM&C

How did the Department determine that facilitation of four state funerals was a Key Performance Indicator for 2008-09 under outcome 5 (PBS, p 31)?

PM118c(MINCHIN) –PM&C

How will the Department judge its performance for the financial year if it facilitates less than four state funerals?

Outcome 2- Social Policy

PM119a(MINCHIN) –PM&C

In relation to the Social Inclusion Board, you mentioned that only 6 of the 14 Board members were selected from the 280 people who expressed interest in the positions and the remainder were appointed by the Prime Minister.

PM119b(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Which six Board members were selected from the 280 expressions of interest?

PM119c(MINCHIN) –PM&C

What are the credentials relevant to the Board of the 8 members appointed by the Prime Minister?

PM119d(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Why weren't these appointments considered by Cabinet?

PM119e(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Will appointments to the Social Inclusion Board be considered by Cabinet in the future?

PM119f(MINCHIN) –PM&C

What remuneration will Social Inclusion Board members receive for their involvement on the Board?

PM119g(MINCHIN) –PM&C

Has this remuneration been determined after discussion with the Remuneration Tribunal?

PM120(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Can I have an itemised cost for the 2020 summit?

Transport

Accommodation

Venue hire

Audio visual productions

Wages

Printing

All contracts entered into for work at the 2020 summit

Catering and all other expenses

PM121(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Can you tell me what the \$284,500 given to the University of Melbourne was for? Does the Dept have an itemised list for the expenditure?

PM122(RONALDSON)–PM&C

The contract for web design and development was awarded to ZOO Communications – right? What was the reason for the three separate parts to that tender – one of \$32,000, second \$15,000 and third \$24,000?

PM123(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Is ZOO Communications the same company that currently administers the PM&C website as well as the PM's website?

PM124(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Does anyone who was involved in the decision making process to award the contract to CMAX, have a relationship with Mr and Mrs Taubenschlag?

PM125(RONALDSON)–PM&C

If it was unknown to you or your department, did Mr or Mrs Taubenschlag declare the fact that Mr Taubenschlag was a media advisor to the Minister for Defence?

PM126(RONALDSON)–PM&C

At what point was your department made aware of the fact that Mr Taubenschlag was a media advisor to the Minister for Defence?

PM127(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Has PM&C engaged any consultants since 1 January 2008, if so can a list be provided to the Committee – can the list include the value to date of the work, estimates total cost or contract worth and an explanation of the work carried out and if the consultancy was advertised or put out to tender?

PM128(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Is it true that the Government has disbanded the Government Communications Unit am I not?

PM129(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Is it also true that the Government disbanded the Ministerial Committee for Government Communications?

PM130(RONALDSON)–PM&C

What structure and I am after a specific process from start to finish, has the Government put in place to manage the agency tender, selection and appointment process for Government advertising or information campaigns?

PM131(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Who from within Government, and once again I am after specifics, will be involved in the process, including Ministers and Parl Secs and will this process be formalised in a committee or any other body?

PM132(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Who, in terms of Ministerial staff, will have access to the pitches from advertising agencies, the social research attached to each campaign and the resulting research post campaign on the effectiveness or lack thereof, of a campaign?

PM133(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Earlier this year your self and Minister Tanner stated that a new process would be established and that the Auditor General would be involved in the final sign off of any campaign over \$250,000. Has the auditor general been consulted about the new process?

PM134(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Has George Wright had any role, discussion or acted in anyway to involve himself in the establishment or the behind the scenes working of this new process or lack of process?

If the process is not up and running:

PM135(RONALDSON)–PM&C

How does the Government expect to get its \$20 million binge-drinking campaign up and on the airways, without a clear and transparent process in place?

PM136(RONALDSON)–PM&C

If the process for the advertising campaign is underway and not completed yet, then

What process was undertaken in the

Selection of the advertising agency

Who made the selection?

What Ministerial Staff were involved in the selection?

Was the contract put out to tender?

Has the Auditor General been consulted?

Which Ministers and Staff had access to the pitches to Government by various agencies and

When was the final decision made and by whom?

PM137(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Minister, do you realise or know that it is reported that the Victorian State Government's centralised advertising system saw it outspend some of the countries biggest advertiser like Holden and Procter and Gamble?

PM138(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Is this still the position of the Government and I quote "Labor is committed to a culture of greater disclosure and transparency in Government by implementing each and every one of the commitments we made in response to the Right to Know Coalition"?

PM139(RONALDSON)–PM&C

So why did the Government refuse the ABC FOI request for Treasury advice on the inflationary pressures of the Governments new workplace relations laws?

PM140(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Has PM&C issued a directive to staff in relation to FOI's?

PM141(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Has PM&C issued a directive to other Departments in relation to how to answer FOI's?

If Yes:

Did the Prime Minister's office have a role in the directive that was issued – was there consultation with or instigation from?

PM142(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Did Senator Faulkner's office have a role in the directive that was issued?

PM143(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Did PM&C have any communications, written or oral, with the Prime Ministers office and in particular Mr David Epstein, about the Treasury advice on the inflationary pressures of the Government new workplace relations laws?

PM144(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Why did the Prime Ministers office refuse to act as they have stated – with ‘greater disclosure and transparency’ and provide a journalist with the role Mr Epstein played in the non release of the Treasury of the advice on the inflationary pressure of the Governments new workplace relations laws?

PM145(RONALDSON)–PM&C

Is it because the FOI process is supposed to be carried out within the Dept and at arms length from a Minister and his/her office – it may even be illegal for Mr Epstein to be involved in the process?

PM146(RONALDSON)–PM&C

When is the FOI Commissioner going to be appointed?

Coordinator of the 2020 Summit – Ms Linda Hornsey

PM147a(ABETZ)–PM&C

Who recommended Ms Hornsey for the role?

PM147b(ABETZ)–PM&C

How many hours did Ms Hornsey work on the 2020 summit?

PM147c(ABETZ)–PM&C

Was Ms Hornsey paid an allowance for accommodation, flights, meals etc? If so, how much was paid? (Please itemise.)

PM147d(ABETZ)–PM&C

Was Ms Hornsey provided with a phone or blackberry/PDA?

PM147e(ABETZ)–PM&C

Can you list any other services or entitlements provided to Ms Hornsey in this role?
(Please provide itemised costs.)

PM147f(ABETZ)–PM&C

Was any consideration given to revoking Ms Hornsey's contract when her alleged role in interfering in the appointment of a magistrate in Tasmania was revealed?
If not, why not?

2020 Community Meetings

PM148(ABETZ)–PM&C

How many local 2020 summits were held?

Where were these summits held?

PM149(ABETZ)–PM&C

What was the cost of each of these events?
(Please provide breakdown of all costs, including advertising.)

PM150(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

What appointments have been made to boards, advisory committees, or any other quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) to each agency within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio since 24 November 2008?

PM151(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Please list all quangos within each agency of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

PM152(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to each agency within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be maintained under the Rudd Government?

PM153(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to each agency within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What programs, initiatives or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be reversed under the Rudd Government?

PM154(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to each agency within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa:

What new programs, initiatives or other undertakings will be allocated to these seats under the Budget?

PM155(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Please advise whether the list of items under the policy heading on the ALP website <http://www.alp.org.au/> constitutes the total sum election "promises" made by the Rudd Government within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

If not, please provide a comprehensive list which includes all promises referred to on the ALP website as well as those that were made but are not contained on the ALP website?

Prime Minister's overseas travel

PM156a(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Costs of the trip incurred

PM156b(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Ministerial staff who travelled on the trip

PM156c(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

Accommodation details, incl. where various staff stayed

PM156d(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to questioning on 27 May 2008 in relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April, please provide the following details:

In particular, did the travelling assistant to the Prime Minister stay at the same place as the Prime Minister?

PM156e(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Did a doctor travel with the Prime Minister and if so, please provide his or her accommodation details. Did he or she stay at the same place as the Prime Minister?

PM156f(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to questions on 27 May 2008 regarding the cancellation of the reservation at the Willard InterContinental, please provide details of who stayed at the Ambassador's residence on Sunday 30 March ie. Other than the Prime Minister and his wife, did any other member of the Prime Minister's entourage stay at the ambassador's residence?

Official residences

PM157a(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Please provide details of the parameters which are available to charities to utilise Kirribilli House including costs, insurance, and other relevant expenses to be incurred in relation to such hiring.

PM157b(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

How many charities have, since the date of announcement, expressed an interest in utilising Kirribilli House?

PM157c(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Please provide details of the functions that will be available for charities to hold at Kirribilli House.

2020 Summit

PM158a(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

What guidelines were given to facilitators or other organisers at the 2020 Summit? If guidelines were provided, please supply a copy of the same.

PM158b(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to evidence given on 27 May 2008, please provide a comprehensive list of all contracts regarding the 2020 Summit, both direct source contracts and those that went to tender.

PM158c(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the tendered contracts, please outline the facts and circumstances which led to the decision to go to tender.

PM158d(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the direct source contracts, please outline the facts and circumstances which led to the decision not to go to tender including:

- Who made the decision?
- The costs of the contract?
- The person/persons who may have been interviewed by or otherwise had discussions with PM&C or the Prime Minister's office in relation to the engagement of themselves or any firm he or she may have been acting for
- Extent and nature of any probity checks
- Extent and nature of any legal scrutiny or advice obtained in relation to each

Prime Minister's office staff

PM159a(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Please confirm that the document referred to at the hearing 26-28 May and entitled *Prime Minister's Office Staff List as at 18 March 2008* was prepared, distributed or otherwise sanctioned by the Prime Minister or a member of his staff.

PM159b(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

I refer to questions raised during the appearance of MAPS on 28 May 2008 and the indication by Senator Faulkner that such questions ought to have been directed to PM&C. In so far as is required, I repeat those questions to PM&C.

PM159c(FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

Further to evidence given during the hearing 26-28 May, please provide additional details of the Prime Minister's travelling assistant referred to on the *Prime Minister's Office Staff List as at 18 March 2008* (referred to by Senator Faulkner as an executive assistant) including a full outline of his duties and who is responsible for determining his duties from day to day.

PM160a(CORMANN)–PM&C

Has the Prime Minister and/or the department received any written representations in relation to the proposed \$2.5 billion imposition of excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West Shelf Joint Venture?

PM160b(CORMANN)–PM&C

What was the content of those representations?

PM160c(CORMANN)–PM&C

Will a copy of those written representations be made publicly available?

PM160d(CORMANN)–PM&C

What action, if any, has been taken by the Prime Minister and/or the Department as a result of those representations?

Prime Minister's overseas trip which commenced on 27 March 2008

PM161a–PM161g (FIFIELD)

PM161a (FIFIELD)–PM&C

How many Defence Force planes were used for this trip?

PM161b (FIFIELD)–PM&C

Please provide the flight schedules for each flight of each plane for the duration of the trip (showing take off and landing times)

PM161c (FIFIELD)–PM&C

Please provide the passenger manifest for each plane on each flight of the trip

PM161d (FIFIELD)–PM&C

If the Department refuses to release the flight schedules or the manifests, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release the flight schedules or the manifests and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the flight schedules or the manifests and the nature of such advice

PM161e (FIFIELD)–PM&C

On how many occasions did the travelling media's plane leave before the plane carrying the Prime Minister?

PM161f (FIFIELD)–PM&C

Please provide the full cost breakdown for operating each plane over the course of this trip

PM161g (FIFIELD)–PM&C

How much did media organisations contribute towards the cost of the media plane?

Prime Minister's overseas travel

PM162a–PM162g (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

PM162a (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide any costs of the trip incurred.

PM162b (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide any Defence staff who travelled on the trip.

PM162c (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide accommodation details, incl. location and costs.

PM162d (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide costs associated with provision of the special purpose aircraft/s.

PM162e (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide costs incurred by the members of the press and subsequently reimbursed.

PM162f (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

In relation to the Prime Minister's overseas trip from 27 March to 13 April 2008, please provide other costs incurred and reimbursed to Defence from other government departments/s or agencies or non-government entities.

PM162g (FIERRAVANTI-WELLS)–PM&C

When was the Department of Defence first requested to provide or make available a second special purpose aircraft?

Who made the request?