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199	Draft in progress	Not yet approved

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Ministerial Brief for Action

MS23-000019

FOR: Deputy Prime Minister

Action Requested by: 2 February 2023

Reason for Urgency: To meet 3 February 2023
Senate tabling timeframe

CC: Secretary, CDF, VCDF, FASMECC

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - FEBRUARY 2023 - SENATE ORDER 21 - ESTIMATES HEARINGS – UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Key Issues:

In preparation for the upcoming Supplementary Budget Estimates scheduled for February 2023 and in accordance with Senate Order 21, *Order for Documents - Estimates hearings – unanswered questions on notice*, Defence has prepared a response for your approval on behalf of the Department of Defence and The Australian Signals Directorate.

A letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, seeking assistance to table the response has been prepared for your signature (Attachment A).

The response is due for tabling by 3 February 2023.

Recommendations:

Decision

That you:

1. approve the response to Senate Order 21 (Attachment A);
2. approve the transmittal letter to the President of the Senate from the Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong (Attachment B); and
3. sign the letter to Senator the Hon Penny Wong requesting tabling of Senate Order 21 (Attachment A).

Approve/Not approved

Approve/Not approved

Signed/Not signed

Media Considerations:

This issue is not expected to generate any media interest.

Signature

Richard Marles

1 February 2023

Minister comments:

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Sensitivity:

Questions regarding answers to previous questions on notice may arise at Senate Estimates. Defence is prepared to answer these questions should they arise.

Financial Impacts: No.

Systems/legislation/deregulation: No.

Consultation:

1. s47E(d)

Attachment

Attachment A Letter to the Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, requesting assistance to table Senate Order 21.

Attachment B Transmittal letter to the President of the Senate.

Background

1. The response to Senate Order 21 includes the number of questions taken on notice, the number of answers tabled by the due date and for answers not tabled by the due date, the date they were provided to the approving Minister's office.
2. The response to Senate Order 21 has been prepared on behalf of Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate.
3. Defence took 106 questions on notice at the November 2022 estimates hearing - 43 on the day and 63 received in writing. 87 answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. 13 were tabled on 21 December 2022, one was tabled on 16 January 2023, two were tabled on 30 January 2023 and three are yet to be tabled. Of the 19 answers not tabled by the due date:
 - a) Five were provided to the approving Minister's office on 1 December 2022
 - b) 13 were provided to the approving Minister's office on 6 December 2022 and
 - c) One was provided to the approving Minister's office on 7 December 2022.
4. The Australian Signals Directorate took 10 questions on notice at the November 2022 estimates hearing. Nine answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. The remaining one answer was provided to the approving Minister's office on 15 December 2022 and tabled on 20 December 2022.

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**THE HON RICHARD MARLES MP
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE**

Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

In accordance with Senate Order 21, Defence is required to table a statement regarding questions taken on notice at the previous Estimates hearing by Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate. As Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister representing the Defence portfolio, your assistance to table this response is appreciated. The response is due to be tabled by 3 February 2023.

Defence

Defence undertook to answer 106 questions on notice. 87 answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. Of the 19 answers not tabled by the due date, five were provided to the approving Minister's office on 1 December 2022, 13 provided on 6 December 2022 and one provided on 7 December 2022. Three answers are yet to be tabled and will be dealt with expeditiously.

Australian Signals Directorate

The Australian Signals Directorate undertook to answer 10 questions on notice. Nine answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. The remaining one answer was provided to the approving Minister's Office on 15 December 2022 and tabled on 20 December 2022.

Yours sincerely

Richard Marles



SENATOR THE HONOURABLE PENNY WONG

Leader of the Government in the Senate

Minister Representing the Minister for Defence

Minister Representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Minister Representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

Minister Representing the Minister for Defence Industry

Labor Senator for South Australia

Senator the Honourable Sue Lines

President of the Senate

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear President,

**RE: Supplementary Budget Estimates – February 2023 - Senate
Order 21 - Estimates hearings – Unanswered questions on notice**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 166, relating to the presentation of documents when the Senate is not sitting, I present to you the Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate response to Senate Order 21 regarding the questions taken on notice at the November 2022 Senate Estimates hearing.

Defence

Defence undertook to answer 106 questions on notice. 87 answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. Of the 19 answers not tabled by the due date, five were provided to the approving Minister's office on 1 December 2022, 13 provided on 6 December 2022 and one provided on 7 December 2022. Three answers are yet to be tabled and will be dealt with expeditiously.

Australian Signals Directorate

The Australian Signals Directorate undertook to answer 10 questions on notice. Nine answers were tabled by the due date of 16 December 2022. The remaining one answer was provided to the approving Minister's office on 15 December 2022 and tabled on 20 December 2022.

Yours sincerely,

PENNY WONG

February 2023

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Ministerial Brief for Action

MS22-001363

FOR: Deputy Prime Minister

Action Requested by: 17 October 2022

Reason for Urgency: To meet 18 October
2022 Senate tabling timeframe

CC: Secretary, CDF, VCDF, FASMECC

BUDGET ESTIMATES - NOVEMBER 2022 - SENATE ORDER 21 - ESTIMATES HEARINGS – UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Key Issues:

In preparation for the upcoming Budget Estimates scheduled for November 2022 and in accordance with Senate Order 21, *Order for Documents - Estimates hearings – unanswered questions on notice*, Defence has prepared a response for your approval on behalf of the Department of Defence and The Australian Signals Directorate.

A letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, seeking assistance to table the response has been prepared for your signature ([Attachment A](#)).

The response is due for tabling by 18 October 2022.

Recommendations:

Decision

That you:

1. **approve** the response to Senate Order 21 ([Attachment A](#));
2. **approve** the transmittal letter to the President of the Senate from the Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong ([Attachment B](#)); and
3. **sign** the letter to Senator the Hon Penny Wong requesting tabling of Senate Order 21 ([Attachment A](#)).

Approve/Not approved

Approve/Not approved

Signed/Not signed

Media Considerations:

This issue is not expected to generate any media interest.

Signature

Richard Marles

12 October 2022

Minister comments:

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Sensitivity:

Questions regarding answers to previous questions on notice may arise at Senate Estimates. Defence is prepared to answers these questions should they arise.

Financial Impacts: No.

Systems/legislation/deregulation: No.

Consultation:

1. s47E(d)


Attachment

Attachment A Letter to the Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, requesting assistance to table Senate Order 21.

Attachment B Transmittal letter to the President of the Senate.

Attachment C FMO Tabling Submission.

Background

1. The response to Senate Order 21 includes the number of questions taken on notice, the number of answers tabled by the due date and for answers not tabled by the due date, the date they were provided to the approving Minister's Office.
2. The response to Senate Order 21 has been prepared on behalf of Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate.
3. Defence took 40 questions on notice at the April 2022 estimates hearing, 36 on the day and received four in writing.
4. 39 answers were due to be tabled on 20 May 2022. The 39 answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 5 May 2022. 39 were tabled on 27 May 2022.
5. The remaining one answer was received in writing and was due to be tabled on 17 June 2022. The answer was tabled on 27 June 2022.
6. The Australian Signals Directorate took two questions on notice at the April 2022 estimates hearing that were due to be tabled on 20 May 2022. Two answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 2 May 2022. The answers were tabled on 17 June 2022.

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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE**

MS22-001363

Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Leader of the Government in the Senate
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Penny

In accordance with Senate Order 21, Defence is required to table a statement regarding questions taken on notice at the previous Estimates hearing by Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate. As Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister representing the Defence portfolio, your assistance to table this response is appreciated. The response is due to be tabled on 18 October 2022.

Defence

Defence undertook to answer 40 questions on notice. No answers were tabled by the due date of 20 May 2022. 39 answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 5 May 2022 and were tabled on 27 May 2022. The remaining question was received in writing on 17 June 2022. The answer was not provided to the approving Minister's Office, and was tabled on 27 June 2022.

Australian Signals Directorate

The Australian Signals Directorate undertook to answer two questions on notice. The answers were not tabled by the due date of 20 May 2022. The answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 2 May 2022 and tabled on 17 June 2022.

Yours sincerely

Richard Marles

Richard Marles

12/10/22



SENATOR THE HONOURABLE PENNY WONG

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Labor Senator for South Australia

Senator the Honourable Sue Lines

President of the Senate

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear President,

**RE: Budget Estimates - November 2022 - Senate Order 21 - Estimates hearings –
Unanswered questions on notice**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 166, relating to the presentation of documents when the Senate is not sitting, I present to you the Defence and the Australian Signals Directorate response to Senate Order 21 regarding the questions taken on notice at the April 2022 Senate Estimates hearing.

Defence

Defence undertook to answer 40 questions on notice. No answers were tabled by the due date of 20 May 2022. 39 answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 5 May 2022 and were tabled on 27 May 2022. The remaining question was received in writing on 17 June 2022. The answer was not provided to the approving Minister's Office, and was tabled on 27 June 2022.

Australian Signals Directorate

The Australian Signals Directorate undertook to answer two questions on notice. The answers were not tabled by the due date of 20 May 2022. The answers were provided to the approving Minister's Office on 2 May 2022 and tabled on 17 June 2022.

Yours sincerely,

PENNY WONG

October 2022