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Subject: for urgent response: 2026-27 Budget Statement of Risks - Home Affairs Portfolio [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Additional Risk Items - Home Affairs - further questions.docx

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Hi s22

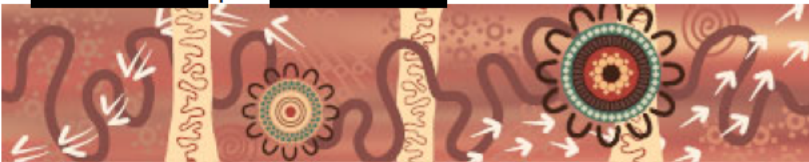
Our Deputy Secretary has couple of questions and suggested edits on s22 and the Claims against the Department of Home Affairs items. I have attached them. If you could get back to me asap, that would be great!

Thanks!

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Contingent liabilities – unquantifiable

Claims against the Department of Home Affairs

The Department of Home Affairs is involved in a wide range of litigation and other claims for damages or compensation.

ss47C, 47E(d) litigation before the courts ss47C, 47E(d) raises potentially significant but unquantifiable contingent liabilities ss47C, 47E(d). In addition to generally being unquantifiable, disclosure of estimated compensation (where known) could prejudice the Commonwealth's position in litigation or settlement negotiations.

Contingent liability – quantifiable
Claims against the Department of Defence

The Department of Defence (Defence) has 15 instances of non-remote, quantifiable contingent liabilities in respect of claims against Defence valued at \$17.9 million.
The estimated figure is determined by an objective analysis of the probable amount payable for all matters managed by firms engaged by Defence using the Attorney-General's

Whole of Australian Government Legal Services Panel and those being handled in-house by Defence Legal Division. However, the exact amount payable under those claims is uncertain. Defence is defending the claims or trying to resolve them through alternative dispute resolution.

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Commented s22 Can Home Affairs describe the broad nature/types of claims? See for example Defence contingent liabilities re litigation.

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