

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Hearings November 2014
Communications Portfolio
Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 287

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Senate estimates briefing

Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
 1. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
 1. If so, when did this occur?
 2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
 3. When were the changes made?
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

Answer:

1. Agency employees that assist with preparing the agency briefs are at the Executive Level, with one Executive Level employee handling the coordination of the briefing pack.
2. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
3. No.
4. Not applicable.
5. TUSMA did not appear at the Additional Estimates hearing in February 2014.