

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 113-117

Topic: Senate Estimates Briefing (Tsy)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

113. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
114. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
 - (a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
115. 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?
116. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
 - (a) If so, when did this occur?
 - (b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
 - (c) When were the changes made?
117. 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:

113. Treasury officers prepare Senate Estimates briefings for Ministers as part of their normal duties and accordingly, Treasury does not separately record the number of officers involved in the preparation of Senate Estimates briefings, nor the time spent by Officers in preparing the briefings.
114. Refer to 113 above.
115. No.
116. No.
117. Information on briefing provided to Minister's is not normally made publicly available in order to maintain Agencies' ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers.