

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency:** ACCC

**Question:** AET 3765 - 3768

**Topic:** Senate Estimates Preparation

**Reference:** written - 29 February 2016

**Senator:** Wong, Penny

**Question:**

3765. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Ministerial briefing pack for the purposes of Senate estimates?

- a) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- b) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification

3766. Were drafts shown to any of the Treasury Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices before Senate Estimates?

- a) If so, when did this occur?
- b) How many versions of this information were shown to the relevant Treasury Minister or their office?

3767. Did any of the Treasury Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices 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?

3768. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Estimates hearings in October 2015 and February 2016.

**Answer:**

3765. Four officers were responsible for coordinating preparation of the briefing pack. Briefs were produced by a range of officers across the agency.

- a) The four coordination officers spent a combined approximate 20 hours preparing the briefing pack.
- b) EL1 – 4 hours  
APS3 – 4 hours  
APS6 – 9 hours  
EL2 – 3 hours

Providing the officer hours contributed by the relevant line areas would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

3766. No.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.

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- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.

3768. Information on briefing provided to Ministers and briefing for estimates purposes is not normally made publically available in order to maintain the integrity of the agency's core work and ensure its ability to properly and effectively brief for estimates purposes.