

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15  
2-3 June 2014

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Question Time

**REFERENCE:** Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** BI-130

1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?
4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  - a. If so, when does this occur?
  - b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

**ANSWER**

- 1-4. The department's key role is to provide briefing and support to the Minister on an ongoing basis including information for use in Parliament, including for Question Time. A breakdown of the requested information is not collected.
5. Given the confidential nature of briefing material provided by the department to the Minister, it is not appropriate to provide this information.