

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
Budget Estimates 2014  
3 June to 5 June 2014

**Department/ Agency:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

**Question:** BET 1420-1424

**Topic:** Senate Estimates Briefing

**Reference:** 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

1420. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
1421. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
1422. 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?
1423. 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?
1424. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Budget Estimates hearings in June 2014.

**Answer:**

1420. A range of Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) officers across all levels of the organisation were responsible for the drafting of briefs for the June 2014 Budget Estimates. Two ACCC officers were responsible for the coordination and collation of briefing packs for ACCC witnesses.
1421. A range of ACCC officers across all levels of the organisation were responsible for the drafting of briefs for the June 2014 Budget Estimates. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to determine the time spent on the drafting of briefs by these staff.

In terms of the coordination and collation of briefing packs for ACCC witnesses, approximately 8 total hours were spent by the two ACCC officers conducting this work.

- a. A breakdown of the time spent on the coordination and collation of briefing packs by staff classification is set out in the below table.

<b>Staff classification</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Hours spent</b>
APS 6	1	6

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APS 5	1	2
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1422. No.  
a. – b. Not applicable.
1423. Not applicable.
1424. Information on briefing provided to Ministers and briefing for estimates purposes is not normally made publicly available in order to maintain the agency's ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers and brief for estimates purposes.