

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT 907-911

Topic: Senate estimates briefing

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

907. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
908. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
909. 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?
910. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
- b) If so, when did this occur?
- c) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
- d) When were the changes made?
911. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

Answers

907. Two officers were responsible for coordinating preparation of the briefing pack. Briefs were produced by a range of officers across the agency.
908. The two coordination officers spent a combined 14 hours preparing the briefing pack.
- a) EL1 – 4 hours
APS3 – 10 hours
Providing the officer hours contributed by the relevant line areas would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
909. The ACCC provided its representing Minister with finalised ACCC estimates briefs.
- a) 30 October 2014.
- b) 1.
910. No.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
911. Information on briefing provided to Ministers and briefing for estimates purposes is not normally made publicly 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.