

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM0308_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Senate Estimates briefings

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 - b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
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