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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Separately then, what are the instructions provided by the department in relation to the contestability framework?
Mr Helgeby: We have a website dedicated to the contestability program or a section of our website. The purpose of the contestability program is to ask the basic questions whether something can be done better than it is being done at the moment, in a better way, and to pursue those questions through a rigorous set of data and analytical mechanisms.
Senator LUDWIG: Who would use the website other than I?
Ms Halton: The departments.
Senator Cormann: I think it is widely read by officials right across the Commonwealth Public Service. I believe it is one of the most widely read pieces of information from the Department of Finance, the finest department in the Commonwealth.
Senator LUDWIG: Not that I want to put you to the test on that, but you might provide me with the page impression number or the hits on that site.
Mr Helgeby: We will see what we can do with that.

Answer:

Below are the Efficiency through Contestability Programme (Contestability Programme) webstats for the period 15 December 2014 (when the pages first went live) to 11 March 2015.

Page views[1]	6,807
Unique page views[2]	4,020

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[1] Page views refer to the total number of times visitors have looked at the Contestability Programme's web pages (repeat viewers get counted each time they visit).
[2] Unique page views refer to the total number of individual visitors who have looked at the Contestability Programme's web pages (repeat viewers will only be counted once).