

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group Corporate

Question No. 192

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

- 1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
- 2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
 - i. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- 3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?
 - i. If so, when did this occur?
 - ii. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
- 4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
 - i. If so, when did this occur?
 - ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.

When were the changes made?

- 5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- 1)-2)The number of, and time spent by, officers in preparing and collating briefing for Senate Estimates is not recorded in a way that would enable this information to be provided.
- 3) No.
- 4) No.
- 5) The contents pages are internal working documents.