Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings

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Senator Boyce asked:

How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?

Answer:

Data is not collected on the time spent authoring Cabinet papers, submissions and memoranda. The amount of time spent drafting Cabinet documents would vary from item-to-item according to the complexity of the matter, consultation requirements (for example, consultation with the Office of Best Practice Regulation if a Regulatory Impact Statement was required), financial implications (if any) and other due diligence requirements. It would take an unreasonable amount of time and resources across the Australian Government to obtain this type of data.