Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 40

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Departmental Senate Estimates Briefing

Senator Ludwig asked:

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

Answer:

- 1) The Department's briefing pack for purposes of Senate Estimates is prepared for the Secretary of the Department.
- 2) N/A
- 3) N/A
- 4) N/A