

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 118-122

Topic: Question Time (Tsy)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

118. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
119. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?
- (a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
120. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?
- (a) If so, when does this occur?
- (b) How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?
121. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
- (a) If so, when does this occur?
- (b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
122. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

Answer:

118. Treasury officers prepare Question Time Briefs for Ministers as part of their normal duties and accordingly, Treasury does not separately record the number of officers involved in the preparation of Question Time Briefs, nor the time spent by officers preparing the briefs.
119. Refer 118 above.
120. No.
- (a) NA
- (b) NA
121. No.
- (a) NA
- (b) NA
122. Information on briefing provided to Minister's is not normally publicly available in order to maintain the Department's ability to properly and effectively brief Minister's.