

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 989-993

Topic: Senate Estimates Briefing (ATO)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 989) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
- 990) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- 991) 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?
- 992) 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?
- 993) 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.

Answer:

- 989) ATO officers prepare Senate Estimates briefings for the Commissioner of Taxation which are also provided to the Minister.

The ATO does not separately record the number of officers involved in the preparation of Senate Estimates briefings, nor the time spent by officers in preparing briefings.

990) As above.

991) No.

992) No.

993) This forms the basis of policy advice to the Government and is not traditionally available unless published.