

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 - 2 November 2006

Question: sbt 15 (AOFM)

Topic: Question Time Briefs

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

With regard to the preparation of Possible Parliament Questions briefs or other such documents intended to brief Minister's on an issue specifically for Question Time, could the department/agency provide:

- (1) The number of such briefs prepared in each of the last three financial years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06).
- (2) The number of staff who are responsible for coordinating such briefs and the salary level they are engaged at.
- (3) The name of internal unit/team that those staff belong to and a description of its other responsibilities.
- (4) The total budget associated with the unit/team referred to in response to part 3.

Answer:

With respect to the AOFM:

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| (1) | Year | Number of Briefs |
| | 2003-04 | 7 |
| | 2004-05 | 4 |
| | 2005-06 | 7 |
- (2) Nil. Briefs are prepared incidentally to other duties. Briefs are coordinated by Treasury. See answer to sbt 23.
 - (3) See answer to sbt 23.
 - (4) See answer to sbt 23