

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

TREASURY

Australian Taxation Office

(Supplementary Budget Estimates 1-2 November 2006)

Question **SBT 90**
Topic: **Possible Parliamentary Questions**
Hansard Page: **Written question**

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:

1. The following table shows the number of question time briefs prepared by the Tax Office:

2003-04	174
2004-05	173
2005-06	179

2. One staff member is responsible for coordinating this function. That officer also has other duties . The officer is engaged at the Executive Officer Level One classification at a salary range of \$78010 to \$84237.
3. Parliamentary Services is the team responsible for coordinating the provision of the following services by the Tax Office to the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer and the Treasurer:
 - draft responses to ministerial correspondence and parliamentary questions;
 - briefings, including formal minutes and question time briefings;

Parliamentary Services is also responsible for coordinating all Tax Office input to parliamentary committees.

4. Total budget for Parliamentary Services 2005-06 is \$446,593.66