SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION

(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 104

Topic: Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings

Senator Bushby asked:

How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?

How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or relodged? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).

Answer:

The ATO is not a policy agency but does provide input to policy proposals, usually through Treasury. The ATO does not usually prepare papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings and has not done so this financial year.