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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: ALL
Output Group: ALL

DEST Question No. E572_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Of the 513 Questions placed on Notice at the Budget 2006 Estimates hearings which were not answered by the Committee's due date, and using the Senate Committee's Question numbering system, please advise a) the date each proposed answer was first provided to the Minister's office, b) whether that answer was forwarded to the Committee, or returned to the Department/agency for revision, and c) in the latter case, the date on which the revised answer was submitted to the Minister's office.

Answer:

Questions on Notice

A total of 518 Questions on Notice were taken by the portfolio at the 2006-07 Budget Estimates hearing. DEST records indicate that 91 answers were provided to the Committee by the due date of 28 July 2006.

The Committee Secretariat records indicate that 7 answers were received by Friday 28 July with 84 more received by Monday 31 July. As the answers were conveyed electronically the delay may be attributed to traffic flow through the email system gateways.

The tracking system used by the Department does not provide an accurate record of the information sought.