

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Memorandum of Understanding timeframes not met

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

Senator RYAN: Are you considering reporting on whether the deadlines are met—not naming people yet, but for example at some point in estimates with the Parliamentary Library the behaviour of specific departments has been discussed. I am not saying we are there yet, but this would be roughly akin to the Parliamentary Librarian in some senses. Are you considering reporting a pretty simple metric on whether those two thresholds have been met percentage-wise?

Mr Bowen: I have not considered it explicitly, but we certainly will consider that.

Answer

The PBO will provide regular updates to the Committee on the performance of Commonwealth agencies in responding to information requests from the PBO.