

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Question: 107**

**Topic: Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

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- a) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?
- b) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? 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:**

- a) The Department does not record time spent preparing submissions for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings.
- b) Preparation of Cabinet submissions is typically an iterative process and this varies from issue to issue.