

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings

Senator: ABETZ

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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 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).

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Answer:

- a) The department does not record time spent preparing submissions for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings.
- b) The standard whole of government process for preparing Cabinet submissions involves submitting drafts for relevant departments' consideration before submitting a final for Cabinet consideration.