

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: SQ17-000204**

**Topic: Ministerial Briefings**

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**Senator Louise Pratt asked:**

Would you please advise for the period since 1 July 2016 for the Minister and each Assistant Minister how many a) Written briefing notes were prepared; and b) Briefings were provided face-to-face by departmental officers? In each case could you indicate how many were initiated by the Minister's or Assistant Ministers' office.

**Answer:**

- a) Since 1 July 2016, a total of 541 Ministerial Briefs have been provided to our Ministers and Assistant Ministers.
- b) The information requested cannot be provided without an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c) Ministerial Briefs are initiated by the Ministers or Assistant Ministers' Offices.