

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-408

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: CABINET AND SUB-CABINET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- 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) It is not possible to answer this question as the Department does not require staff to record time spent on preparing submissions and input to submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings.
- b) Submissions for Cabinet Committee meetings are lodged only once as a final. On occasion, a corrigendum to a submission is provided to update information, such as costings.