

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 123**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Senate Estimates briefings**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Department, Agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
  - a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?
  - a. If so, when did this occur?
  - b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  - a. If so, when did this occur?
  - b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
  - c. When were the changes made?
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

**Answer:**

1. NBN Co's Government Relations team (currently consisting of five staff) is responsible for coordinating the preparation of any necessary briefing for senior executives attending Parliamentary Committee Hearings, including Senate Estimates.
2. Preparation for the Senate Estimates hearings involved approximately 15 hours of preparation.
3. No.
4. No.
5. There was no contents page.