

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 344**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Question time**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the Department, Agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?
  - a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?
  - a. If so, when does this occur?
  - b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?
4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  - a. If so, when does this occur?
  - b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

**Answer:**

The Department does not record this data in a way that would readily allow for this information to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.