

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 190

Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates

Outcome: Corporate

Programme: Policy and Communications Division

Topic: Portfolio Wide – Departmental Senate Estimates Briefing

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Question Date: 27 November 2013

Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?

How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?

a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification

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?

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?

Answer:

The Department prepares a briefing pack for the Secretary to support his engagement in the Senate Estimates hearings. A copy of this briefing pack was provided to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment.