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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

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QUESTION No.: AI-108

1. How many Ministers have you had in the past three years before the election and in particular in the year preceding the election?
2. What costs or disruption have you faced from pre-election changes of Ministers, whether IT costs, preparation of new briefings, changes of style guides and information products to suit new Ministers?

ANSWER

1. The former Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research, Climate Change and Tertiary Education had a total of 14 Ministers in the three years before the election. Of these 14, 10 were in the year preceding the election.

The former Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism had a total of two Ministers in the three years before the election. These same two were in the year preceding the election.

2. Any costs associated with these changes are managed within the Department's overall operating budget.