

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry Portfolio
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14
27 February 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Ministerial Leave

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-73

Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:

- a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include:
 - i. The dates the minister was on leave.
 - ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable).
- b. Who was acting in the minister's place?
 - i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place?
 - ii. What was the process for selecting this person?
 - iii. Who was involved in making this decision?
- c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.
 - iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister?
 - iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable?
- d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.
 - iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?
 - iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable?
 - v. but were unable?
- e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.

ANSWER

The Ministers leave arrangements is a matter for his office to manage.