

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
May 2014**

Department	Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic	Senate estimate briefing
Senator	Senator Ludwig
Question reference number	139
Type of question	Written

Question

- 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 Budget 2014 hearings.

Answer

- 1 A wide range of Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) staff provide input into the Parliamentary Budget Officer's briefing pack.
- 2 The PBO does not keep a record of time spent on preparing the briefing pack for the Parliamentary Budget Officer and time spent on compiling briefs is kept to a minimum.
- 3 Not applicable.
- 4 Not applicable.

5 The Parliamentary Budget Officer's contents page was as follows.

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