

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 665

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Senate Estimates briefing

Senator Ludwig asked:

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? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? If so, when did this occur? 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 Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

Answer:

- 1-5. 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.