

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 1878-1879

Topic: Corporate Support for Ministers

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1878. How many Ministers have you had in the past three years before the election and in particular in the year preceding the election?
1879. 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:

1878. The ABS has been represented by the following parliamentarians in the three years prior to 7 September 2013.
- The Hon Bernie Ripoll MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (March 2012 – August 2013).
 - Senator the Hon Mark Arbib, Assistant Treasurer (December 2011 – March 2012).
 - The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation, Assistant Treasurer (September 2010 - December 2011).
1879. The ABS supports Ministers as part of their normal duties and accordingly, do not record costs of set up and support for new Ministers.