

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 2060 - 2064

Topic: Senate estimates briefing (ACNC)

Written: 5/03/2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

2060. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2061. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
2062. 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?
2063. 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?
2064. 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:

2060. Two staff were responsible for preparing the Senate estimates briefing packs for the ACNC's SES staff appearing at the February 2014 Senate Estimates briefings.
2061. The ACNC estimates 34 officer hours were spent preparing information.
- a) 15 hours of one APS6, 10 hours of one EL2, 3 hours of two SES Band 1, and 3 hours of one SES Band 2.
2062. The ACNC's Senate estimates briefing packs were not sent to the Minister's office.
2063. Per the response for question 3, the Minister's Office did not make any contributions or edits.
2064. Information on briefing provided to Minister's is not normally made publically available in order to maintain Agencies' ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers.