

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 289-293

Topic: Question time

Written: 5/03/2014

Senator Ludwig asked:

289. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?

290. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?

a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification

291. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?

a. If so, when does this occur?

b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?

292. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?

a. If so, when does this occur?

b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.

293. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

Answer:

289. We do not prepare a regular briefing back for the Minister for the purposes of Question time. We address questions on an operational basis as the need arises.

290. An officer does not work on preparing information on Question Time every day.

a. See above.

291. See above.

a-b. See above.

292. See above.

a-b. See above, our liaison officer is EL2.

293. NA

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