

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: PC

Question: AET 3756 - 3760

Topic: Senate Estimates Preparation

Reference: written - 29 February 2016

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

3756. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Ministerial briefing pack for the purposes of Senate estimates?

3757. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?

a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification

3758. Were drafts shown to any of the Treasury Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices before Senate Estimates?

a) If so, when did this occur?

b) How many versions of this information were shown to the relevant Treasury Minister or their office?

3759. Did any of the Treasury Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices 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?

3760. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Estimates hearings in October 2015 and February 2016.

Answer:

3756. ABS officers prepare Senate Estimates Briefings for ABS attendees as part of their normal duties and accordingly, the ABS does not separately record the number of officers involved in the preparation of Senate Estimates briefings, nor the time spent by officers in preparing the briefings.

3757. As above.

3758. No.

3759. Not applicable.

3760. Information on briefings is not normally made publically available in order to maintain Agencies' ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers.