Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Question: BET 2186-2190 **Topic:** Ouestion Time

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
- How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- 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?
- 2189 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.
- 2190 Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 13 May 2014 (first day of winter sittings).

Answer:

The answers to the honourable Senator's questions are as follows:

- 2186 0. On a rare occasion the CEFC may be called upon to provide information sought for these purposes, but the CEFC is not responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack.
- 2187 Typically 0. The CEFC is not an agency under the Public Service Act 1999 and has no APS officers.

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- As the CEFC would typically supply information to the Treasury, these are not matters of which the CEC would be aware.
- The CEFC is not a Department of State. This question should be directed to the Department of the Treasury.