

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: 2250-2254

Topic: Senate Estimates Briefing

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 2250 How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
- 2251 How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- 2252 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?
- 2253 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?
- 2254 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:

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

- 2250 8 (head count). Please note "officers" includes statutory office holders for the purposes of this answer.
- 2251 As capturing this information a) is not required and b) has no utility for the CEFC, attempting to collect this information would present an unnecessary diversion of public resources that would not meet the requirements of efficient, effective, economical and ethical usage per the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013*. Not including the answers to written QONs, the CEFC estimates that preparation of Senate Estimates briefing consumes approximately 50 staff hours each round.
- a. Clean Energy Finance Corporation employees do not fall under any APS classification, because the CEFC is not an agency under the *Public Service Act 1999*.
- 2252 No.
- a. Not applicable.
- b. None were shown to the minister or their office. See answer to 3. above.

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- a. Not applicable.
- b. There were no edits. See answer to 4. above.
- c. There were no changes made. See answer to 4. above.

2254 The CEFC did not provide a contents page or folder to the Department/Minister/Representing Minister for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.