

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Productivity Commission

Question: BET 3080-3084

Topic: Senate Estimates briefing

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

3080. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
3081. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3082. 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?
3083. 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?
3084. 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:

- 3080-84. The Commission did not prepare briefing for the department, Minister or representing Minister. Some internal briefing was provided on an informal basis for Commission witnesses at the hearings, but no record was kept of the time spent on that briefing.