

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

Division/Agency: Parliamentary and Legal Services Division

Question No: 246

Topic: Senate Estimates briefing

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

1. When did drafting of Senate Estimates briefing for the Ministers representing the Treasurer, and all Senior Executive Service staff listed on the witness list from Treasury begin?
2. How many Senate Estimates briefing packs were produced?
3. How many topics were included in the Senate Estimates briefing packs?
4. Who cleared the briefing for Senate Estimates?
5. Did anyone in an office of a Treasury portfolio minister clear briefing notes?
6. When were the Senate Estimates briefing packs delivered to the offices of Treasury portfolio ministers?

Answer:

1. The Department usually commences preparations in the weeks leading up to each hearing.
2. There were eight Ministerial briefing packs.
3. The Department does not disclose information relating to Senate Estimates briefing topics due to the deliberative nature of the material.
4. Treasury SES
5. No
6. Monday, 22 May 2017