

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBT 746—749

Topic: Departmental Senate Estimates Briefing

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

746. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
747. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- (a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
748. 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?
749. 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?

Answer:

746. Treasury officers prepare Senate Estimates briefings for Ministers as part of their normal duties and accordingly, Treasury 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.
747. Response as 746 above.
748. No.
749. In the case of a very small number of briefings, requests were made for separate additional briefings/talking points.