

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15
23 October 2014

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Senate estimates briefing

REFERENCE: Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: SI-195

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
 - a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. 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

- 1-2. It is not possible to gather this information.
- 3-4. Information was provided to the Minister's Office and the Senator representing the Minister Office prior to the Senate Estimates hearing. A breakdown of the requested information is not collected.
6. Given the confidential nature of briefing material provided by the department to the Minister, it is not appropriate to provide this information.