

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates
2014 - 2015

Question: SBT 2003-2007

Topic: Senate estimates briefing

Reference: written - 31 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

2003. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2004. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
2005. 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?
2006. 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. When were the changes made?
- c. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
- d. When were the changes made?
2007. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

Answer:

2003. ATO officers prepare Senate Estimates briefings for the Commissioner of Taxation which are also provided to the Minister. The ATO does not separately record the number of officers involved in the preparation of Senate Estimates briefings, nor the time spent by officers in preparing briefings.
2004. As above.
2005. No.
2006. No.
2007. This forms the basis of policy advice to the Government and is not traditionally available unless published.