

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT 688-692

Topic: Senate Estimates Preparation

Reference: Written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Senate Estimates preparation

Since 1 July 2015:

688. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
689. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
- a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
690. 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?
691. 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?
692. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Supplementary Estimates Round in October 2015.

Answer:

688. Three officers were responsible for coordinating preparation of the briefing pack. Briefs were produced by a range of officers across the agency.
689. The three coordination officers spent a combined approximate 17 hours preparing the briefing pack.
- a) EL1 – 4 hours,
APS3 – 7 hours,
APS6 – 6 hours
- Providing the officer hours contributed by the relevant line areas would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
690. No.
- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.

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691. No.
- a) Not applicable.
 - b) Not applicable.
 - c) Not applicable.
692. Information on briefing provided to Ministers and briefing for estimates purposes is not normally made publically available in order to maintain the integrity of the agency's core work and ensure its ability to properly and effectively brief for estimates purposes.