

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0509\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & All Agencies: Senate estimates briefing**

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**

(1-4). Preparation of Senate Estimates briefing is part of the routine business of the department, however, information is not recorded at this level of detail. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

(5). Details of briefings provided to the Minister are not made publicly available in order to maintain the confidentiality and effectiveness of the advice.