

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Senate estimates briefing

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

1. How many officers were 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 Budget 2014 hearings.

Answer:

Q1 - Q5. The ANAO prepares briefing material for the purpose of Senate Estimates for the Auditor-General and ANAO officers. This includes briefings on recently tabled audits to all Senate Estimates Committees ahead of hearings. In addition, the ANAO provides a copy of its corporate-related briefs to the Prime Minister's Office. The ANAO does not prepare a specific briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates to the Minister.