

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26-27 May 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Senate Estimates Briefing

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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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 Budget 2014 hearings.

ONA Response:

1. Fifteen Officers contribute to the Agency briefing pack. ONA does not prepare a briefing pack for the Minister.
2. ONA does not record data in a way that would readily allow a detailed answer to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
3. No
4. No
5. Contents page attached.

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