

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Question Time - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 350

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 11 July 2014

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**Question:**

- 1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
- 2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?
  - a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- 3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?
  - a. If so, when does this occur?
  - b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?
- 4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  - a. If so, when does this occur?
  - b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
- 5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

**Answer:**

The Indigenous Affairs agencies within the portfolio are not required to prepare briefing for Question Time for the Minister or representing Minister.