

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Gallagher
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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: How many Expenditure Review Committee meetings would normally be held, say, between MYEFO and the budget—

Senator Cormann: We will have to take that on notice. It is not generally the quantity of meetings but the time spent on individual meetings.

Senator GALLAGHER: You can give me the hours spent as well, if you like.

Answer:

The Department sought the following advice from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:

As outlined in the 10th Edition of the Cabinet Handbook, Cabinet committee meetings are scheduled as required. The Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet met 14 times between the 2016-17 MYEFO and the 2017-18 Budget.