

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 20-24 October 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Attendance at Senate Estimates - INSLM

Senator: Senator Cory Bernardi

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Question:

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor:

1. How many officers attended the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings for 2014-15 of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee?
2. Please provide a breakdown of the classification of those officers.
3. How long did officers wait before giving evidence or before the decision was made to discharge them?

Answer:

1. Two Senior Executive Service (SES) staff members from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet were available to give evidence in respect of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor's office.
2. The two staff members were an Associate Secretary (SES Band 3 equivalent) and a First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2).
3. The staff members were not required to wait before giving evidence because they were already in attendance from 2:00pm to 11:00pm to provide evidence in respect of outcomes in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.