

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/519) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

- 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 Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

Answer:

- 1) and 2) Staff responsible for this function a part of a broader team. Staff across the portfolio also prepare briefing material. The number of staff involved and their time attributed to Senate estimates preparation is not recorded.
- 3) No.
- 4) No.
- 5) Information of briefing provided to Ministers is not normally made publically available in order to maintain agencies' ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers.