

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/296) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?

- a. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
- b. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?
 - i. If so, when did this occur?
 - ii. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
- c. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
 - i. If so, when did this occur?
 - ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
 - iii. When were the changes made?
- d. 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:

- a) Staff responsible for coordinating this function are 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.
- b) No.
- c) No.
- d) Information regarding briefing provided to Ministers is not normally made publically available in order to maintain agencies' ability to properly and effectively brief Ministers.