

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question: sbt 14 (ACCC)
Topic: Question Time Briefs
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Senator LUDWIG asked:

With regard to the preparation of Possible Parliament Questions briefs or other such documents intended to brief Minister's on an issue specifically for Question Time, could the department/agency provide:

- (1) The number of such briefs prepared in each of the last three financial years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06).
- (2) The number of staff who are responsible for coordinating such briefs and the salary level they are engaged at.
- (3) The name of internal unit/team that those staff belong to and a description of its other responsibilities.
- (4) The total budget associated with the unit/team referred to in response to part 3.

Answer:

The Department of Treasury prepares Possible Parliamentary Questions briefs on issues specifically for Question Time. From time to time The Department of Treasury seeks information from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to assist in its preparation of such briefs.

Co-ordination of information requested by the Department of Treasury for such briefs is undertaken by the Executive Branch of the ACCC through the Chief Executive Officer. As information is sort on an ad hoc basis there is no dedicated unit established to co-ordinate the supply of information to Treasury.