

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 - 2 November 2006

Question: sbt16 (APRA)
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:

- (1) 2003-04: 92
2004-05: 93
2005-06: 56
- (2) 1 General Manager and 1 Executive Assistant (Level 2).
- (3) Secretary Group. Responsibility of the Group includes liaison with Ministers' offices, Treasury and parliamentary committees; secretariat support for APRA's governance structures including formal meetings of APRA Members, the Management Group and the Risk Management and Audit Committee; advice in relation to governance issues; staff disclosure of interest and responsibility for internal whistleblowing; the Information and Records Unit and oversight of the Contact Centre; feedback from members of the public and whistleblowers.
- (4) The coordination of Question Time Briefs is an insignificant part of the responsibilities of the two staff members.