

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 - 2 November 2006

Question: sbt 23

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)	Year	Number of Briefs
	2003-04	1668
	2004-05	1180
	2005-06	948

- (2) 0.14 of an APS 5 level.
- (3) Parliamentary Team. Responsibilities include Cabinet liaison services, coordination of Question Time Briefings, tabling of reports and legislation, Senate Estimates, maintaining the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments, parliamentary questions and Executive Council minutes.
- (4) The total budget associated with the Parliamentary Team is \$309,111 per annum.