

**Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

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Questions on Notice: AusAID

**Question No. 31**

**Senator Trood** asked on notice

- a) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?
- b) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide examples of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).

**Answer:**

- a) AusAID does not record or register the time taken to prepare papers or submissions for Cabinet or Cabinet Committee meetings.
- b) Each matter for consideration at either Cabinet or Cabinet Committee meetings has its own set of specific issues which may require the submission to be drafted or re-drafted various times throughout the iterative process. AusAID works collaboratively with relevant agencies across the APS, as well as the Cabinet Secretariat, to ensure submissions are drafted and processed as efficiently as possible.