

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

Can an update of the table in the answer to question on notice 16 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates round please be provided?

Answer:

See Attachment A.

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Attachment A

Figure 1 Services to the Cabinet and other decision makers

Services	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	01/07/2013 to 21/03/2014
Meetings held by the Cabinet and its committees in Canberra / Cabinet and committee meetings held outside Canberra				
Cabinet	39 / 1	50 / 2	40 / 2	25/2
National Security Committee	20 / 0	27 / 0	19 / 0	30/2
Other Cabinet committees	101 / 3	113 / 4	86 / 3	33/1
Percentage of Cabinet Minutes released within 24 hours / 48 hours of meeting				
Cabinet	69 / 82	73 / 95	61 / 88	75/84
National Security Committee	50 / 92	38 / 82	35 / 68	43/66
All other committees	32 / 64	42 / 74	40 / 63	29/38
Other indicators of Cabinet workload				
Cabinet documents lodged	544	491	596	300
Cabinet minutes recorded	1,146	1,524	1,260	471
Other meetings				
Secretaries' Committee on National Security	12	19	18	16
Support for the Governor-General in the Federal Executive Council				
Meetings held	22	22	25	13
Papers considered	484	585	555	261
Availability of papers two working days before meeting	97.3%	98.5%	89.6%	N/A

Note:

¹ The 2010–11 figure includes five Ministry and 14 Parliamentary Business Committee meetings; the 2011–12 figure includes two Ministry and 18 Parliamentary Business Committee meetings; the 2012–13 figure includes two Ministry and 16 Parliamentary Business Committee meetings; and the 1 July 2013 to 21 March 2014 figure includes 3 Ministry and 4 Parliamentary Business Committee meetings.