

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Question Time

Senator: Senator Ludwig

Question reference number: 192

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

Number of pages: 2

Question:

- (1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?
- (2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
- (3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?
 - a. If so, when did this occur?
 - b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?
- (4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
 - a. If so, when did this occur?
 - b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
 - c. When were the changes made?
- (5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.

Answer:

- (1) The Office did not prepare the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.