

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings**

Question: **42**

Written **Senator Fifield**

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- (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 example 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) The only DPS Cabinet submissions are for New Policy Budget Proposals. These are generally submitted initially in October/November each year, with supplementary papers provided in February/March of the following year.
- (b) See response (a) above.