

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(434) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?

- (2) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or relodged? 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:

- (1) The amount of time spent preparing documents for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet meetings varies depending on the complexity of the issue and the extent of consultation within the portfolio. The Department does not keep records of the time spent to produce submissions.

- (2) It is the longstanding process of successive Governments not to comment on Cabinet processes.