

Read through the following passage and select the word or phrase from the table that best fits in each space. You can use each word or phrase only once.

weeks	standing orders	Premier	seven
backbench	scrutiny	departments	questions
portfolio	portfolio	Hansard	money
hearings	estimates	budget	ministers
conclusion	public servant	tabled	third reading
Appropriation	consideration in detail	royal	notice
tax			

Estimates is a time for _____ of government spending.
(1)

Usually, two _____ of the year are set aside for estimates _____. These are formal
(2) (3)
proceedings and the _____ or rules of parliament apply. They are
(4)
recorded and transcribed in _____ and broadcast online on Parliament TV.
(5)

During Estimates all of the Ministers, including the _____, will have to attend _____
(6) (7)
committee hearings to answer questions. In Queensland, there are _____ portfolio committees
(8)
who are made up of _____ MPs, both government and non-government. All of the
(9)
governments _____ and agencies are divided between these _____
(10) (11)
committees.

The committees' scrutinise the work of departments. During _____ this scrutiny is
(12)
particularly focused on the spending that is outlined in the budget. The committees have the
opportunity to ask direct _____ to the Minister, CEO, Directors' General and some other
(13)
senior public servants about how _____ has been spent or will be spent under the _____.
(14) (15)

A lot of preparation goes into making sure that the _____⁽¹⁶⁾ have the answers available to them. Ministers and senior staff will often be supported by a number of staff who will be able to retrieve answers from files that they carry with them.

If a minister or _____⁽¹⁷⁾ does not know the answer to a question they can take the question on _____⁽¹⁸⁾. This means they will have to get back to the committee with their answer. At the _____⁽¹⁹⁾ of estimates the committees consider the details and write a report to be _____⁽²⁰⁾ in parliament. This means the budget or _____⁽²¹⁾ Bills are one step closer to becoming law.

They will still need to go through _____⁽²²⁾ in the parliament as well as the _____⁽²³⁾, long title and _____⁽²⁴⁾ assent before they can become Acts of Parliament. Estimates Hearings are the Parliament's way of trying to ensure that _____⁽²⁵⁾ payers' money is spent effectively.