

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for other Parties

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:

- a) How are briefings requests commissioned?
- b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?

Answer:

a) to f)

No written briefs have been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party.

From time to time briefings are provided to Members of Parliament as part of the routine consultation processes particularly in relation to the development of legislation.

Briefings provided to any Member of Parliament by the Department of Health are part of its normal business.