

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 179

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Policy and Communications Division

**Topic:** Portfolio Wide – Briefings for Other Parties – Greens

**Hansard Page:** N/A

**Question Date:** 27 November 2013

**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? 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 Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

Yes

**The Department of the Environment**

- a) Requested by Senator Waters through the Parliamentary Secretary's Office.
- b) Verbal briefing was provided on 6 June 2013 on air quality in Australia, including the development of a National Plan for Clean Air and the status of the review of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure.
- c) No written information was provided
- d) No
- e) Preparation involved one SES Band 1 officer for 30 minutes, one EL2 officer for one hour and one APS 6 officer for one hour. The briefing lasted 30 minutes and was attended by one SES Band 1 officer and one EL2 officer.

## **Clean Energy Regulator**

The Clean Energy Regulator responds to requests for information from the Australian Greens at the request of the Minister, as it does for any other member of Parliament. Briefings are generally provided orally on a range of issues. Any briefings provided are incorporated into the general work of the relevant areas of the Clean Energy Regulator and not separately identified.