

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

**Question No:** 181

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Policy and Communications Division

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

**Hansard Page:** N/A

**Question Date:** 27 November 2013

**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Independents or the 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 Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?

**Answer:**

**The Department of the Environment**

No

**The Clean Energy Regulator**

The Clean Energy Regulator responds to requests for information from parties other than Independents or the Australian Greens at the request of the Minister, as it does for any other members 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.