

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio  
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<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Briefings for other parties
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Ludwig
<b>Question reference number</b>	112
<b>Type of question</b>	Written

**Question**

- 1 Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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**

- 1 Any engagement by the Parliamentary Budget Officer with Parliamentarians has been on a confidential basis and cannot be disclosed.