

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Briefings for other parties**

Question: **227**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

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. The Parliamentary Library's function is to provide high-quality information, analysis and advice to all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in support of their parliamentary and representational roles. The *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* provides that this be done, inter alia, on the basis of equality of access and in a timely, impartial and confidential manner (s38B).