

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

Budget Estimates

26-30 May 2014

**Question: 28**

**Topic: Briefings for other parties**

**Written: 12 June 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

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:**

Advice is provided by the department to all senators on a range of matters. The department's annual report provides further detail, and may be accessed at:

[http://www.apf.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Departments/Department\\_of\\_the\\_Senate/Annual\\_Reports/Annual\\_Report\\_2012-2013](http://www.apf.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Department_of_the_Senate/Annual_Reports/Annual_Report_2012-2013)