

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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**Question:** BR64  
**Topic:** Alternative Policy Costing  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:
  - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.
  - c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken.
  - d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:
  - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.
  - c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.
  - d) How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

***Department***

- 1-2. The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) Establishment team has provided briefing for the Greens and the Independents regarding the legislative bills to establish ARENA.
  - a) It is standard for this briefing to be prepared for legislation prepared by the Department.
  - b) The briefing provided to the Greens and Independents is at **Attachment A**.

- c) No work or information requests have been unable to proceed.
- d) This is standard briefing and as such, there was no additional time involved.

*Agencies*

Tourism Australia and Geoscience Australia have not provided any information or undertaken any requests for the Australian Greens or the Independents.