

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-115

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens?
If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Please provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- 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.

- Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?

Answer:

No written briefs have been provided to the Australian Greens or to Independent Members of Parliament.

From time to time briefings are provided to Members of Parliament as part of the routine consultation processes particularly in relation to the development of legislation.

Briefings provided to any Member of Parliament by the Department are part of its normal business.