

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 53

Topic: Briefings for Other Parties

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. 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 briefing 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 briefing requests 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:

Briefing requests are made through a range of fora, including Ministerial offices, Departmental and public requests.

Briefings are provided as part of routine consultation processes, particularly in relation to the development of legislation and are made to all Members of Parliament.

No briefing requests have been unable to proceed.

Any briefings provided to Members of Parliament or stakeholders by the Department are part of its routine workload.