

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-097**

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Smith

**Question:**

- a) 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? 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 requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they 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.
- b) 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 requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they 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:**

At the time of asking, no written briefs had 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 of Health and Ageing are part of its normal business.