

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 394

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Smith asked:

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:

The Department does provide briefings to the Independents.

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.

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.