

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for Other Parties

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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:

Since the February 2014 Additional Estimates, two briefings were provided to a non-government party other than the Australian Labor Party. Both briefings were requested by an Independent Senator through the relevant minister's office.