

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 407

Topic: Briefing for the Australian Greens

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Have any briefings 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.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

The Department does provide briefings to Independents.

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

Briefings have been 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.