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Topic: Electorate Briefs – Provided to MP's

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Minister, can you tell me who they are provided to when they get to your office?

Senator Fifield: It would be to the relevant advisers in my office.

Senator URQUHART: Just to the advisers?

Senator Fifield: That would be the people in the office.

Senator URQUHART: So the people in your office, your advisers?

Senator Fifield: The relevant advisers in my office.

Senator URQUHART: So not to MPs?

Senator Fifield: I would have to check.

Senator URQUHART: You must know whether those briefs—

Senator Fifield: I would have to check. There are many contacts to my office from colleagues, and I am not necessarily aware of each and every bit of information that is conveyed to them or necessarily the format, so that is something I will check.

Senator URQUHART: Are you in a position to do that now this afternoon? I am sure you have got some staff that are listening in.

Senator Fifield: I am sure I have staff listening in so we will see what we can do.

Answer:

Electorate briefs have been provided by the Department to the office of the Minister for Communications and the Arts.