Question No: 606

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Briefings for other parties

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Since 25 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 briefings 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 briefings request 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:

1. a – f   On 6 March 2014, the Department of Communications provided a verbal briefing to Greens Senator, Scott Ludlam on the Australian Government's objectives for the Global Multi-stakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance (NETmundial), which was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 23-24 April 2014.

This briefing was requested through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and consisted of a short phone call by an Assistant Secretary with DFAT staff in attendance. No written briefing was prepared, and no other departmental staff spent time on this briefing.