

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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29 May – 31 May 2012

**Question: BET 1324-1325**

**Topic: Information for the Australian Greens and Independents**

**Hansard Page: Written (received from Committee – 13 June 2012)**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1324. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:
- How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.
  - Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken.
  - How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
1325. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:
- How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.
  - Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.
  - How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

1324. The Treasury portfolio provides information, advice and/or analysis to Government on a wide range of issues, including some issues raised by stakeholders such as the Australian Greens.
- The Government entered into an agreement with the Australian Greens which enables them to request policy analysis be undertaken. The agreement is published on the ALP website at the following address.

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<http://www.alp.org.au/getattachment/255f5397-f9da-41c8-97c3-72287595d2eb/government-agreements/>

- b) As the preparation of information, policy advice and analysis at the request of the Government is integrated into usual business processes for the Treasury portfolio, it is not possible to provide the details of these requests, identify the resources used or time spent on these specific items.
- c) Refer to answer b.
- d) Refer to answer b.

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- a) The Government entered into an agreement with Independent Members which enables them to request policy analysis to be undertaken. The agreement is published on the ALP website at the following address.

<http://www.alp.org.au/getattachment/293a73cf-a0d7-46b4-a3ea-7ab7a3773f8f/government-agreements/>

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