Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Treasury Portfolio Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Treasury **Question:** BET 955 **Topic:** Briefings for other parties **Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014 **Senator:** Ludwig

Question:

- 955. 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 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:

955. It would not be appropriate for Treasury to confirm whether discussions have been held or not held between Treasury and Non-Government Ministers. This question would be best directed to the relevant portfolio minister.