

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0142_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Briefings for other parties

1. 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

1. Yes, one.

- a) Minister Pyne's office coordinated a meeting between Senator Nick Xenophon, Independent (SA), and senior departmental officials.
- b) A verbal briefing was given to Senator Xenophon on 28th May 2014.
- c) A verbal briefing on key aspects of the higher education reforms announced in the 2014-15 Budget.
- d) No.
- e) No briefing material was prepared for Senator Xenophon.
- f) Senator Nick Xenophon - Independent (SA).