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Topic: Briefings for other parties

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, 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?
 - i) 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?
 - i) 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?
 - i) How many staff are involved and how many hours?
 - ii) 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:

Advice is provided by the department to all Senators on a range of matters. The department's annual report provides further detail, and may be accessed at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Department_of_the_Senate/Annual_Reports/Annual_Report_2012-2013