

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Budget Estimates – May 2014**

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Briefings for other parties

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 322

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 11 July 2014

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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:**

No.