

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**18 – 21 November 2013**

**Question: 26**

**Topic: Briefings for other parties**

**Written: 26 November 2013**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? 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 Australian Greens?
    - i) How many staff are involved and how many hours?
    - ii) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? 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 Independents have requested briefings and/or information?
3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? 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.

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- 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 parties 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:

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