

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**  
**November 2013**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Briefings for other parties

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 74

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

**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? 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 parties have requested briefings and/or information?**

**Answer**

Any engagement by the Parliamentary Budget Office with parties has been on a confidential basis and cannot be disclosed.