Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Briefings for other parties

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- 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? 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 Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? 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? 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 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? 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:

- Q1. Nil to this question No requests for briefings and/or provision of information to the Australian Greens have been received by the ANAO since 7 September 2013.
- Q2. Nil to this question No requests for briefings and/or provision of information to the Independents have been received by the ANAO since 7 September 2013.
- Q3. Nil to this question No requests for briefings and/or provision of information from parties other than Labor or the Greens have been received by the ANAO since 7 September 2013.