

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Briefings for Other Parties

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 162

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 17 January 2014

**Number of pages:** 2

**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:**

- (1) Since 7 September 2013 to date, the Office has not provided any briefings and/or information to the Australian Greens.
- (2) Since 7 September 2013 to date, the Office has not provided any briefings and/or information to Independents.
- (3) Since 7 September 2013 to date, the Office has not provided any briefings and/or information to parties other than Labor or the Greens.