## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Supplementary Estimates - Nov 2013

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 162

**Type of Question:** Written

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

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- 1) Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
  - a) How are briefing 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. No
- 2. No
- 3. No