

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 208

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:

- i. How are briefings requests commissioned?
- ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- ii. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- iv. Have any briefing requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- v. 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.
- vi. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

No briefings and/or information have been provided to non-government parties other than the Australian Labor Party in the period 18 November 2013 to 24 February 2014.

This response excludes the routine provision of information in response to freedom of information requests, ministerial correspondence and questions on notice. It also excludes briefings that may have been given to members of non-government parties in their capacity as members of a Parliamentary Committee or on bills before the Parliament.