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

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/109

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. Since Additional Estimates in 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:

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?

f) How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

g) 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:

Briefings to and discussions with Members of Parliament and Senators are confidential to the participants.