

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 11-14 February 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:

1. How are briefings requests commissioned?
2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
5. 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.

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:

1. How are briefings requests commissioned?
2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
5. 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.
6. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?

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**Answer:**

The Prime Minister's Office may request the provision of oral and written briefings from time to time. However, the Department does not record information on these briefings in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.