

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Briefings for other parties

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, 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? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?

**Answer:**

Yes. A departmental officer was present when the Minister for Indigenous Affairs' office met with the office of a non-Australian Labor Party member on proposed legislative amendments. The officer provided technical advice to the parties.