

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Briefings for Other Parties

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) 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:

- (1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 31 March 2014, the Office has not provided any briefings and/or information to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party.