

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

Question reference number: 90

Type of question: Written

Question

- a) **Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:**
- **How are briefings requests commissioned?**
 - **What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
 - **Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
 - **Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
 - **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.**
- b) **Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:**
- **How are briefings requests commissioned?**
 - **What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
 - **Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
 - **Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
 - **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.**
 - **Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?**

Answer

a) and b)

Any engagement by the Parliamentary Budget Office with the Australian Greens and Independents has been on a confidential basis and cannot be disclosed.