

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates Hearing 27 May-6 June 2013

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 the Australian Greens and Independents

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information 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.

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?

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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.