

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome

**Question No:** 280

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

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

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.

**Answer:**

The Department does provide briefings to the Australian Greens.

Briefing requests are made through a range of fora, including Ministerial offices, Departmental and public requests.

Briefings have been provided as part of routine consultation processes, particularly in relation to the development of legislation.

No briefing requests have been unable to proceed.

Any briefings provided to Members of Parliament or stakeholders by the Department are part of its routine workload.