

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Question reference number: HS 80

Senator: Smith

Type of question: Written

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Question:

- a) Have any briefings and/or information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
 - 1) How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - 2) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - 3) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 - 4) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 - 5) 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 information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:
 - 1) How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - 2) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - 3) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 - 4) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 - 5) 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.
 - 6) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?

Answer:

The following information complements that provided in the answers to Questions on Notice HS 120 and HS 121 arising from the 18 October 2012 Supplementary Estimates hearing and Question on Notice HS 68 arising from the 14 February 2013 Additional Estimates hearing.

- a) No.
- b) Yes.
 - 1) Briefings were initiated by the Region Manager, Zone Border Ranges.
 - 2) Verbal briefings were provided to the office of Mr Tony Windsor MP (Independent Member for New England) in June 2013 about the co-location of the Department's building in Tamworth scheduled to open on 1 July 2013.
 - 3) Briefings were provided verbally with discussion focusing on the service offer and staffing at the new Tamworth site.
 - 4) No.
 - 5) One EL2 for one hour and one APS6 for half an hour.
 - 6) None.