

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross**

**Question No: 673**

**Topic: Briefing for other parties**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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:**

Given that briefing requests, and briefings, are made through a range of fora, including Ministerial offices, Departmental and public requests, it is not possible to provide a response without an unreasonable diversion of resources.