

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-160

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
 - i. How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - iii. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
 - iv. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- b) Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:
 - i. How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - iii. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
 - iv. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- c) Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
 - i. How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
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- d) Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
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- what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
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Answer:

a) – d)

No written briefs have been provided to the Australian Greens or to Independent Members of Parliament.

From time to time briefings are provided as part of routine consultation processes particularly in relation to the development of legislation.

Briefings provided to any Members of Parliament by the Department are part of its normal business.