

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-029

OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Briefings for Other Parties

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? 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 Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

a) to e)

As at 20 November 2013, no written briefs had been provided to the Australian Greens.

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

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