

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

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**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 154**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Briefings for other parties**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. 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.
2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? 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 Independents have requested briefings and/or information?
3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the 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 Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
  - f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?

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**Answer:**

1. The ACMA has not provided any briefings and/or provision of information to the Australian Greens.
2. The ACMA has not provided any further information to Independents since the ACMA provided information on 18 February 2013 to the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE) in response to a question from the office of the Hon. Bob Katter MP to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (the Minister) on 5 February 2013.
3. The ACMA has not provided any briefings and/or provision of information to parties other than Labor or the Greens.