

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 4**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Has the Department been asked by the Minister or the Minister's office for any advice about whether the Minister can elect to release the Incoming Government Brief at his own volition, rather than merely rely upon the FOI process?

**Answer:**

Yes.