

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Australia Post

Question No: 67

Program No. Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Briefings for 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:

1-2. Australia Post has not provided any briefings for the Australian Greens or Independents.

3. Australia Post's Managing Director and CEO, Mr Ahmed Fahour, and Executive General Manager Retail Services, Ms Christine Corbett, provided a briefing for Coalition MPs and Senators to outline Australia Post's future business strategy and answer questions on any matters of interest concerning Australia Post.

(a-c) The briefing was arranged by the Office of the Minister for Communications, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, and took place on Monday 18 November 2013. It involved a verbal and slide presentation, with no written information (i.e. a copy of the briefing or any other material) being provided to attendees.

(d-f). Not applicable.