

**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: 7**

**Program No. Corporate**

**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:**

From 7 September to 31 October 2013:

- 1&2. The Department did not provide any briefings to the Australian Greens or Independents.
3. The Department did not provide briefings to other parties.