

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Information for the Australian Greens and Independents

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI-208

1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:
  - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.
  - c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken.
  - d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:
  - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
  - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.
  - c) Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.
  - d) How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**ANSWER**

The Department and Agencies have not provided information or undertaken any requests for the Australian Greens or Independents.

However, CSIRO regularly provides information on its research to all Members of the Parliament, including the Greens and Independents. CSIRO assists members of the Parliament to access scientific information and knowledge on request, as it does with such requests from all members of the Australian public. CSIRO does not provide information to the Greens or Independents that is not available to other Members of Parliament.