

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

TOPIC: Briefings or costings for the Australian Greens and Independents

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-190

1. Were any briefings or costings provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
 - How are briefings or costings requests commissioned?
 - What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings.
 - Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed.
 - How long is spent undertaken briefings or costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
2. Were any briefings or costings provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:
 - How are briefings or costings requests commissioned?
 - What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings.
 - Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed.
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ANSWER

The department has not provided briefing or costings to the Greens or Independents.

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