

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 October 2012

**Question: SR62**

**Topic: Briefings or Costing for the Australian Greens and Independents**

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**Senator Bushby asked:**

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

**2011-12 Financial Year:**

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

**Answer:**

***The Department***

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- 1-2. The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) Establishment team has provided briefing for the Greens and the Independents regarding the legislative bills to establish ARENA, during the 2011-12 financial year.
- a) It is standard for this briefing to be prepared for legislation prepared by the Department.
  - b) The briefing provided to the Greens and Independents is at **Attachment A**.
  - c) No work or information requests have been unable to proceed.
  - d) This is standard briefing and as such, there was no additional time involved.

***Portfolio Agencies***

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No portfolio agency or authority provided briefings or costing to either the Australian Greens or the Independents, this financial year to date or during the 2011-12 financial year.