

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

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

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 94

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

- a) **Have any briefings and/or the provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:**
- **How are briefing requests commissioned?**
  - **What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
  - **Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
  - **Have any briefing requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
  - **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.**
- b) **Have any briefings and/or the provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:**
- **How are briefing requests commissioned?**
  - **What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
  - **Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
  - **Have any briefing requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
  - **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.**
  - **Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?**

**Answer**

a) and b)

Any engagement by the Parliamentary Budget Office with the Australian Greens and Independents has been on a confidential basis and cannot be disclosed.