

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Briefings/info to Australian Greens / Independents

Question: 99

Written Senator Ryan

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 April 2013**

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

### Answer

- a) The Parliamentary Library provides high-quality information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in support of their parliamentary and representational roles. The *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* provides that this be done in, *inter alia*, a timely, impartial and confidential manner (s38B (2) (a)).
- b) See a) above.