

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- a. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
 1. How are briefings requests commissioned?
 2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 5. 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:
 1. How are briefings requests commissioned?
 2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 5. 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.

Answer:

In line with the ANAO's open approach to inform the parliament of the ANAO's audit work, staff provide briefings to Members and Senators. A verbal briefing was delivered to Senator Ludlum, Australian Greens, on 23 August 2012. Senator Ludlum's Chief of Staff and Senator Waters' Chief of Staff also attended. The briefing covered the audit process and the expanded mandate of the Auditor-General to undertake audits of Commonwealth Partners. A written briefing was not required.