

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

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

Question: **147**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013**

- a. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
- How are briefings 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 briefings request 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 provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:
- How are briefings 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 briefings request 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) 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.