

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2010

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Library policy briefs requests**

Question: **P 4 a)–c)**

Hansard reference **F&PA p.21, 18 October 2010**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

4a)

Senator KROGER—Thanks, Chair. This is on the same sort of issue. I am interested in the number of policy briefs that the Library was requested to do during a couple of periods—firstly, between 28 June and 16 July.

Ms Missingham—Are those all inquiries that we answered from clients, senators and members, during that period?

Senator KROGER—From senators and members on policy briefs essentially.

Ms Missingham—The Library provides a lot of work to do that, so we would not differentiate between policy and non-policy. I could give you the number of client inquiries handled in that 2½ week period.

4b)

Senator KROGER—Secondly, between 17 July and 21 August, which was during the election campaign itself.

Ms Missingham—Yes, I can give you those statistics. I will have to come back to you on those.

4c)

Senator KROGER—Could you also provide a breakdown by party, in terms of whom they were provided for—that is, in terms of that period, for the coalition, the Liberal Party and the National Party, for the Greens or for the Independents.

Ms Missingham—The allocation of names to individual parties is not completely up to date in the system, so it may take a little bit longer to put that data in.

Senator KROGER—If you want to take it on notice, I am happy with that.

Ms Missingham—That would be good.

Senator KROGER—That is fine.

Answers 4a)–c)

Statistics for client inquiries for the periods and breakdown requested.

28 Jun 2010–16 Jul 2010

Party	No of requests	Hours	% requests	% hours
Coalition	449	1169.1	58%	52%
Australian Labor Party	207	469.8	27%	21%
Australian Greens	65	300.4	8%	13%
Independent and minor parties	56	305.6	8%	7%
	777	2244.9	100%	100%

17 Jul 2010–21 Aug 2010

Party	No of requests	Hours	% requests	% hours
Coalition	640	1471	59%	57%
Australian Labor Party	290	479.1	27%	19%
Australian Greens	96	324.9	9%	13%
Independent and minor parties	67	286.4	6%	11%
	1093	2561.4	100%	100%

REVISED INFORMATION

With regard to the information of the answers to questions on notice for P4 (a)-(c) provided by DPS, the following information should be corrected:

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Independent and minor parties should be 7% of % requests, and 14% of % hours, rather than 8% and 7% respectively, so that each column should add up to 100%.