

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: Can you tell us how many policies have been considered or costed as part of this process so far?

Mr Hazlehurst: I do not have that information, but we should be able to get that by the end of the day.

Senator CORMANN: By the end of today?

Mr Hazlehurst: Yes.

Senator CORMANN: If you could get it to us by the end of the day, could you break it down for us between how many policies have been considered for each one of the Independents or the Greens, I would be very grateful.

Mr Hazlehurst: I will certainly see what we can do.

Senator ABETZ: Can you tell us in what policy area?

Mr Hazlehurst: I believe so. I will see what information we can get first.

Senator CORMANN: In terms of some of the other questions that you have taken notice today, to the extent that you can assist us by the end of the day, obviously that would be much appreciated. I am sure that you will make your best endeavours.

Thank you.

Answer:

From September 2010 to 11 November 2011, there have been 86 policy costing requests made of the Government by the Australian Greens and Independent Members of Parliament.

The Australian Greens have made 57 requests; the Member for Lyne, Mr Rob Oakeshott MP, has made 18 requests; the Member for Dennison, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP has made nine requests and; the Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor MP, has made one request.

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The costing requests have covered the following general policy areas: taxation, education, health, environment, housing, communities, transport, regional, communications, employment, infrastructure, superannuation, science, veterans, governance and sports.