

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 116

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

Briefings for other parties

1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:
 - a) How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 - d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 - e) 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.
2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:
 - a) How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 - d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 - e) 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.
 - f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?
3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:
 - a) How are briefings requests commissioned?
 - b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
 - c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
 - d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
 - e) 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.

f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. For the period 1 June to 18 November 2013 (previous answers comment up to 31 May 2013), no briefing and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens.
2. For the period 1 June to 18 November 2013 (previous answers comment up to 31 May 2013), no briefing and/or provision of information have been provided to Independents.
3. The AFP contributed to the AGD-led pre-election briefings for the Coalition. Please refer to AGD QoN response 82.