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NEW RESEARCH PROGRAM TO IMPROVE POLICY ADVICE

This week the Institute of Public Affairs launched its new Parliamentary Research Brief Program, which will provide concise analysis on topical issues direct to Parliamentarians.

“I am really excited about this program. We have been approached by both sides of politics who want advice outside of the usual channels. I see huge potential for the IPA in this area,” said Simon Breheny, Director of Policy of the free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs.

“The program builds on what the IPA has always been about: commutating the importance of free enterprise and human flourishing. But Parliamentarians can be so time poor. They will really appreciate receiving topical, direct and concise briefings.”

“There is a feeling that the public service is a bit out-dated. That it doesn't really understand what is happening to public policy around the world. They missed Trump and Brexit. So it is important that civil society steps in to fill that void and improve the quality of policy advice.”

“We will be providing advice across a range of important topics, including the need to lower taxes, protect free speech, and remove impediments to job-creating business investment,” said Mr Breheny.

The first Parliamentary Research Brief was [5 Reasons to Abolish the Renewable Energy Target](#), prepared by IPA Research Fellow Daniel Wild.

“The first brief shows how the Renewable Energy Target increases energy prices, but reduces productivity, economic growth and wages without providing a noticeable benefit to the environment,” said Daniel Wild, IPA Research Fellow.

“The problems we have in our energy market are the product of ongoing government intervention. The solution is for the government to pull right back, including through abolishing the RET,” said Mr Wild.

The Briefings will also be available on the [IPA website](#).

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