Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Question No: 682

Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings

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Senator Ludwig asked:

- 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.
- 2. List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.

Answer:

- 1. Officers of the Department engage with a large number of stakeholders in a wide range of fora. To provide details of each interaction would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 2. The Department does not keep a record of meetings that are held by Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary, and their offices.