Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 223(a)

Program 1.1.

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Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register
- 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting
- 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting

Answer:

The Lobbying Code of Conduct does not require Government representatives to centrally document the information sought in relation to interactions with registered lobbyists and to attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources