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Australian Communications and Media Authority

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Senator Urquhart asked:

The Department's paper *Communications portfolio: Deregulation Roadmap 2014* states 'The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is concurrently undertaking consultation on proposals for reduction in reporting requirements and streamlining consumer information obligations.' In answers at the hearing it was indicated that these are two separate projects and that a public consultation process is underway for both. On what date were the consultation papers issued and what were their titles?

Answer:

The ACMA consultation paper *Proposals for reductions in telecommunications reporting requirements* was released for public comment on 16 April 2014.

The paper included six proposals: five proposals for reductions in telecommunications reporting requirements and one proposal relating to obligations on mobile carriage service providers to give information to their customers about mobile premium services.

Work in relation to these proposals is being conducted concurrently with telecommunications reforms initiatives being undertaken by the Department of Communications (the Department), as outlined in its Deregulation Roadmap. The Department also released a consultation in April, *Proposed Measures for the Telecommunications Consumer Protection Deregulation Bill No. 1 2014*, seeking comments on those proposals.