Question No: 403

Program No. ACMA

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Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings

Senator Ludwig asked:
List all interactions between the Department/Agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register between 1 June 2014 and 31 October 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.

Answer:
The ACMA manages Australian input into the setting of international standards for radiocommunications (except so far as Standards Australia International Limited is responsible for managing that input).

During the reporting period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the ACMA convened a number of meetings to assist in its role in developing Australian positions as part of key preparatory work for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15), to be held in Geneva from 2-27 November 2015.

Information on these meetings (including attendance by representatives listed on the lobbyist register) is provided below.

Meeting – Australian Radiocommunications Study Group 3 (ARSG 3)
ARSG 3 provides advice to the ACMA on the propagation of radio waves in ionised and non-ionised media and the characteristics of radio noise, for the purpose of improving radiocommunications systems. ARSG 3 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met by video conference at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 11 August 2014. This meeting considered International Telecommunication Union – Radiocommunication (ITU-R) activities of interest to the study group, preparations for upcoming meetings and preparations for WRC-15 as related to ARSG 3.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Leslie James Davey	AsiaSpace Ltd, OmniSpace, O3b

Meeting – Australian Radiocommunications Study Group 5 (ASRG 5)

ARSG 5 provides advice to the ACMA to develop Australian positions on international systems and networks issues for fixed, mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and amateur-satellite services. ARSG 5 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met by

videoconference at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 27 August 2014. This meeting considered ACMA, ITU-R and regional activities of interest to the study group, and WRC-15 agenda items of interest to the study group.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Paddy Costanzo	ViaSat Inc, NewSat Limited, Motorola Solutions Inc, Orange SA
Leslie James Davey	AsiaSace Ltd, OmniSpace, 03b
Andrew James King	Free TV Australia Ltd
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotel Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA

Meeting - Australian Radiocommunications Study Group 4 (ARSG 4)

ARSG 4 provides advice to the ACMA to develop Australian positions on international systems and network issues for fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and radiodetermination-satellite service. ARSG 4 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met by video conference at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 19 September 2014. The meeting considered ACMA, ITU-R and regional activities, and WRC-15 agenda items of interest to the study group.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Paddy Costanzo	ViaSat Inc, NewSat Limited, Motorola Solutions Inc, Orange SA
Ross Ramsay	Iridium Satellite LLC
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotel Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA
Leslie James Davey	AsiaSace Ltd, OmniSpace, O3b
Hendrik Prins	NBNCo

Meeting - Australian Radiocommunications Study Group 6 (ARSG 6)

ARSG 6 provides advice to the ACMA to develop Australian positions for systems regarding broadcasting and broadcasting-satellite services, including international exchange of programs, audio and video frequency recording equipment, as well as the overall performance of the means of delivering signals to the general public, where they are used for sound, television, data and ancillary services accompanying sound and television. ARSG 6 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met by video conference at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 30 September 2014. The meeting considered ACMA, ITU-R and regional activities, and preparations for upcoming ITU-R and regional activities of interest to the Study Group.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Andrew James King	Free TV Australia

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