

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Regulation of lobbyists. Recommendations to government

**Senator:** Senator Rhiannon

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**Question:**

Prime Minister Gillard on gaining office said,

People do want to see us more open, more accountable, and more transparent. I am going to be held to higher standards of accountability than any Prime Minister in the modern age. I'm well aware of that, and I'm going to focus on being up to that challenge.

1. Have you made any recommendations to the government that disclosure requirements in relation to lobbyists be more strenuous?
2. If so what were those recommendations?
3. What was the response?

**Answer:**

1. The Department provides a range of advice to relevant ministers. Consideration of policy is a matter for the Australian Government.
2. N/a.
3. N/a.