

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2008
Medibank Private Limited**



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Senator Cormann asked:

Senator CORMANN—My final area of questioning is in relation to lobbyist representation of Medibank Private in its relations with government. Can you confirm Hawker Britton's entry on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's register of lobbyists that shows that Medibank Private is now a client of Hawker Britton?

Mr Sammells—I will have to take that question on notice.

Senator CORMANN—If you take that question on notice, could you please take—

Senator Sherry—Sorry, Senator Cormann; I think it might be difficult for the witness to confirm that. He may be able to confirm that Hawker Britton represents Medibank Private.

Senator CORMANN—Okay. Mr Sammells, can you please take on notice whether Hawker Britton now represents Medibank Private in its relations with government? This seems to be a pretty new approach for Medibank Private. Can you also advise me whether you have previously engaged external lobbyists to help manage your relations with government?

Mr Sammells—To be honest, that is a question I will have to take on notice.

Answer:

Please refer to written Question on Notice F51(a) and F51(f).