

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Rhiannon

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Question:

Can you please clarify the details of the July 2010 Senate Committee report cited by Ms Leon in response to the request for evidence gathered on the operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct?

Answer:

A copy of the clarification provided to the Committee on 21 October 2011 is attached.



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Dear Committee Secretary

CORRECTION TO EVIDENCE
Estimates hearing – 17 October 2011

I wish to correct the evidence provided at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 17 October 2011 in relation to the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* and Register.

On page 105 of the Proof Hansard for the Committee for 17 October 2011 I indicated that the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* and the Register had been the subject of two reports by Senate committees, the most recent in July 2010.

To clarify, while there have been two reviews of the Code and Register only one was undertaken by a Senate Committee, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration, in 2008. The Code has subsequently been kept under review by the Government and the then Minister issued a discussion paper as part of that process in July 2010.

~~Yours sincerely~~

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21 October 2011