

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Are reports kept of approaches made to Government representatives by unregistered lobbyists and their subsequent referral to the registration process, i.e. reports of lobbyists who have been turned away under section 4 of the Code?

Answer:

Section 4 of the Lobbying Code of Conduct is intended to provide an obligation for government representatives to ensure that any third party lobbyists they choose to have contact with are properly registered. There is no requirement to keep records in relation to section 4 of the Code and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has no centralised record-keeping function in relation to this matter.