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Dear Mr Drum

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2008 with which you forwarded a copy of your submission to the inquiry being conducted by the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee into the Lobbying Code of Conduct Inquiry.

From the information provided in your letter and the submission, CPA Australia Ltd is a non-profit association or organisation that is constituted to represent the interests of its members. As such, it falls within the scope of paragraph (b) of the definition of lobbyist in clause 3 of the Code, meaning that it is not required to register as a lobbyist under the Code provided that it confines its lobbying activities to representations that are for the benefit of its members or the accounting profession generally. However, if CPA Australia were to lobby on behalf of a client who is not a member of the organisation, registration would be required.

A new Question and Answer will be added to the Register of Lobbyists website (<http://lobbyists.pmc.gov.au/lobbyistsregister/>) to clarify the application of the Code to organisations such as yours.

If you have any further questions about the way that the Register will operate, please contact Mr David Macgill on (02) 6271 5761.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Yours sincerely

Mike Mrdak
Deputy Secretary

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