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Lobbying Code of Conduct inquiry

Terms of Reference

On 14 May the Senate referred the following matter to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 28 August 2008:

- (a) the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* issued by the Government;
- (b) whether the proposed code is adequate to achieve its aims and, in particular, whether:
 - (i) a consolidated code applying to members of both Houses of the Parliament and their staff, as well as to ministers and their staff, should be adopted by joint resolution of the two Houses,
 - (ii) the code should be confined to organisations representing clients, or should be extended to organisations which lobby on their own behalf, and
 - (iii) the proposed exemptions are justified; and
- (c) any other relevant matters.