

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Lobbyist Register Meetings**

Question: **235**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.
2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.

Answer

1. The Parliamentary Library was contacted on 30 April 2014 by Mr Steve Lewis (Senior advisor, Newgate Communications Pty Ltd) in his capacity as Senior Vice President of the National Press Club. Mr Lewis was seeking transcripts and audio recordings of Press Club addresses for a publication to history to mark the Press Club's 50th anniversary. The Parliamentary Librarian subsequently spoke to Mr Lewis and advised him that the Library was not able to assist and that he should approach the ABC.

In June 2014, Mr Lewis telephoned the Director of the Library's Collection Management section again seeking access to transcripts and audio recordings of Press Club addresses. He was again referred to the ABC.

On 26 March 2014 the Secretary, Carol Mills, met with the Hon Santo Santoro (Director, Santo Santoro Consulting) and Mr Steve Gunn, Regional Manager of TechnologyOne (a client of Santoro Consulting).

On 20 May 2014, the Assistant Secretary, Content Management Branch, was contacted by Mr Gary Humphries (Special Counsel, First State Advisors and Consultants) who was calling on behalf of a Canberra captioning company, Caption It, that was seeking to participate in a scoping study on captioning of parliamentary broadcasts.

Meetings have occurred between Mr Andrew Turnbull (CEO, Sports Hydrant Pty Ltd) and the Parliamentary Experience Branch. These have been to confirm bookings of facilities DPS manages for special events and to discuss arrangements for sports related Parliamentary Friendship groups. None of the meetings were in relation to lobbying.

DPS has entered into service contracts with organisations that are listed on the Government Register of Lobbyists, including KPMG and BAE Systems Australia Ltd, but it does not interact with the lobbyist elements of those organisations.

2. Not applicable. DPS is a parliamentary department and does not have a Minister.