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Answers to Legislation Committee Questions on Notice
Inquiry into the Broadcasting and other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014
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Senator URQUHART asked:

Was there any consultation with the disability sector or deaf communities?

Dr Pelling: Yes. Several of the organisations would have covered those sectors—like Media Access and ACAN.

Ms Campton: Media Access represents disability groups—

Senator URQUHART: Okay—within that group. If you could come back to us on the dates—

Answer:

The Department of Communications met with the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network on 15 May 2014, and Media Access Australia on 4 June 2014, on proposed amendments to captioning legislation.

Following the introduction of the Bill the Department met with the Australian Human Rights Commission on 31 October and with Media Access Australia, Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, Deafness Forum of Australia, Deaf Australia, and the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations on 21 November 2014. People with a Disability Australia Incorporated were also invited but did not participate.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority met with Media Access Australia on 9 April 2014, and also participated in the Department's 4 June 2014 meeting with that organisation, on proposed amendments to captioning legislation.