

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

Attorney-General's Department

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David Pocock asked the following question:

CHAIR: Can I just ask a question in relation to that? Sorry, Senator Pocock. Would you be able to give us advice as to how that convention applies to the lobbyist code?

Ms Brayshaw: I think they operate independently of each other. So whether or not you—

CHAIR: No, I'm not talking about the sponsored pass piece—

Ms Brayshaw: But the convention?

CHAIR: but the lobbying code and what our obligations in respect of the operation of our lobbying code would be in the context of the convention that Senator Pocock is talking about.

Ms Brayshaw: I'm happy to take it on notice and provide some further advice. I think they operate independently of each other, but I can take it on notice, and we can provide you with some—

CHAIR: But wouldn't we consider the international convention in the operation of our code?

Ms Brayshaw: There's a framework in relation to guidance with public officials on interacting with the tobacco industry, and that's managed by the department of health. That interacts with the convention, which is separate to—if an organisation who's a third-party lobbyist needs to be on the lobbyist code, then on that they would need to be able to meet obligations within the lobbyist code. I'm not sure that they quite match up, but we can take it on notice and come back to you.

CHAIR: Okay.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Maybe you could also provide on notice, if they don't actually speak to each other, why the Lobbying Code of Conduct doesn't take into account our one international obligation when it comes to lobbying.

The response to the question is as follows:

Please refer to the answer to **Question 2417**.