

## **Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

### **Attorney-General's Department**

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#### **Louise Pratt asked the following question:**

Senator PRATT: Are there organisations or individuals who don't have to be registered but nevertheless have registered? It appears to me that there are some unions registered, for example, but not all unions. I would have thought that either they're in or they're out.

Ms Brayshaw: We might take that on notice. My initial view would be that we would look to only register those that are required to register. But we'll take that on notice and have a look at the particular group that you've raised.

Senator PRATT: I think the Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union is registered. I saw Bloom-ED, which is, I think, an advocacy organisation around sexual health. It's a bit self-appointed, and it might work with other stakeholders, but it's not necessarily a charity. It could be an advocacy organisation. I don't know if it's got a business name. They're a great organisation. But, when I looked at the links about them as an organisation and whether they're registered, there was no information. I would expect that may well be because they don't have anything relevant to disclose, because they shouldn't necessarily be on the register.

Ms Brayshaw: We can check.

#### **The response to the question is as follows:**

The Attorney-General's Department does not comment on the application of the Lobbying Code of Conduct (Code) to specific individuals or entities, but can confirm that:

- Bloom-Ed was registered as a lobbying organisation on 27 February 2024. Bloom-Ed does not have a registered individual lobbyist associated with the organisation or any clients.
- The Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal and Allied Services Union of Australia Electrical Division NSW Branch is registered as a client of Essential Media Communications and is not itself a registered lobbyist organisation.