

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Lobbyist Register

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register.
- b) List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.
- c) List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.

Answer:

The Lobbying Code of Conduct does not require government representatives to centrally document the information sought in relation to interactions with registered lobbyists. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.