Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs Question No: 88

Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register.
- 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.
- 3. 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:

- 1. Officers of the Department engage with a large number of stakeholders in a wide range of fora. To provide details of each interaction would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 2. & 3. The Department does not keep a record of meetings that are held by Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary, and their offices.