

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 124

Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings

Senator Ludwig asked:

List all interactions between the Department/Agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since 25 February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.

Answer:

The ACMA manages Australian input into the setting of international standards for radiocommunications (except so far as Standards Australia International Limited is responsible for managing that input).

During the reporting period 25 February – 30 April 2014, the ACMA convened a number of meetings to assist in its role in developing Australian positions as part of key preparatory work for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), to be held in Geneva from 2-27 November 2015.

Please note that this was the only occasion that the ACMA met with lobbyists in this particular time frame.

Information on these meetings (including attendance by representatives listed on the lobbyist register) is provided below:

Meeting – ACMA Preparatory Group for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (ACMA PG WRC-15)

The ACMA PG WRC-15 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met at the ACMA's Canberra Offices on 1 April 2014. This meeting considered the draft Australian Delegation Brief to WRC-15 and preparations for the ACMA's hosting of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Preparatory Group for WRC15 (APG 15-3) meeting.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotel Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA
Ross Ramsay	Iridium Satellite LLC
Robert Horton	Intelsat Corporation, Inmarsat Corporation
Richard Carl Jacobsen	CSIRO
Hendrik Prins	NBN Co

Meeting – Australian Radiocommunication Study Group 5 (ARSG 5)

ARSG 5 provides advice to the ACMA to develop Australian positions on international systems and networks issues for fixed, mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and amateur-satellite services. ARSG 5 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met by videoconference at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 3 April 2014. This

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meeting considered recent ITU-R activities of interest to the study group, preparations for upcoming ITU-R meetings and WRC-15 agenda items of interest to the study group.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotal Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA
Leslie James Davey	AsiaSpace Ltd, OmniSpace
Robert Horton	Intelsat Corporation, Inmarsat Corporation

Meeting – Australian Radiocommunication Study Group 4 (ARSG – 4)

The ARSG 4 provides advice to the ACMA to develop Australian positions on international systems and networks issues for fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and radiodetermination-satellite service. ARSG4 includes regulator and industry members, is co-ordinated by the ACMA and met at the ACMA's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Offices on 30 April 2014. The meeting considered recent ITU-R activities of interest to the study group, ACMA reports on preparations for WRC-15 and APG 15-3, preparations for upcoming ITU-R meetings and other regulator activities of interest to the study group.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotal Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA
Ross Ramsay	Iridium Satellite LLC
Leslie James Davey	AsiaSpace Ltd, OmniSpace
Robert Horton	Intelsat Corporation, Inmarsat Corporation

Meeting – Preparatory Group for Joint Task Group 4-5-6-7 (JTG 4-5-6-7)

JTG 4-5-6-7 provides advice to the ACMA on matters relevant to WRC-15 Agenda item 1.1¹ and 1.2 matters which may otherwise cross the responsibilities of Study Groups 4-7. JTG 4-5-6-7 includes regulator and industry members, and met at the ACMA's Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne Offices on 30 April 2014. Matters considered by the committee included recent ITU and regional activities relevant to JTG 4-5-6-7, the development of Australian current views on possible candidate bands for x, preparations for upcoming meetings and future management of Agenda items 1.1 and 1.2.

Listed Lobbyists

Representative	Representing
Bill McDonald	Globalstar Inc, Qualcomm International, Pivotal Group Pty Ltd, Polestar SA
Ross Ramsay	Iridium Satellite LLC
Leslie James	AsiaSpace Ltd, OmniSpace

¹ Relevant to Australia, Agenda Item 1.1 involves possible additional spectrum allocations to the mobile service on a primary basis and identification of additional frequency bands for International Mobile Telecommunications and related regulatory provisions, to facilitate the development of terrestrial mobile broadband applications.

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