Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000691

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ARC: Lobbyist Register Meetings

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:
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
(a) 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 Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response

1. One Lobbyist KPMG. The ARC has no contact with the lobbying part, but notes KPMG is contracted as ARC's internal audit service provider.

2. For this reporting period, there have been 18 meetings held between KPMG and ARC staff (all at the ARC). These meetings typically involved 1-2 KPMG staff and 1-5 ARC staff. All meetings relate to the audit activities of the ARC.

3. Not applicable.