

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000617

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Lobbyist register meetings

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
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 & 2. The Lobbying Code of Conduct does not require Government departments 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.

3. The Minister does not disclose with whom she has or has not met.