

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0454_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & All Agencies: Lobbyist Register Meetings

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

The department notes that 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 for the department and all agencies.