

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting
2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in 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 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.