

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. 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 Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting

Answer:

1. The below table lists interactions between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and Australian Public Affairs (APA) between 7 September 2013 and 24 February 2014.

All interactions were related to APA's entry on the Australian Government Register of Lobbyists (Register). There were no formal meetings; interactions were all via the website, by phone or by email.

| Interaction | Participants in interaction | Topic of interaction |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 12/09/ 2013 | APA, PM&C | APA submitted an update to its registration and PM&C staff approved these changes. |
| 16/09/ 2013 | APA, PM&C | APA submitted an update to its registration and PM&C staff approved these changes. |
| 19/09/ 2013 | APA, PM&C | APA submitted an update to its registration and PM&C staff approved these changes. APA sought assistance in updating its registration and PM&C staff discussed this with APA via telephone. PM&C staff assisted in updating APA's registration. |

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| 26/09/ 2013 | APA, PM&C | APA requested an update of its registration. PM&C staff approved these changes. |
| 10/02/ 2014 | APA | APA requested an update of its registration. |
| 11/02/ 2014 | APA, PM&C | PM&C staff approved the changes requested on 10 February 2014. |
| 12/02/ 2014 | APA | APA requested an update of its registration. |
| 13/02/ 2014 | APA, PM&C | PM&C staff sought confirmation of a proposed update to APA's registration. APA provided advice. PM&C staff approved these changes. |
| 19 Feb 2014 | APA, PM&C | PM&C staff sought confirmation of a proposed update to APA's registration. APA provided advice. |
| 20/02/ 2014 | APA, PM&C | PM&C staff proposed an update of APA's registration. APA sought clarification. |
| 21/02/ 2014 | APA, PM&C | PM&C staff proposed an update of APA's registration. |
| 24/02/ 2014 | APA, PM&C | APA submitted an update to its registration and PM&C staff approved these changes. APA sought confirmation of a proposed update to APA's registration and PM&C staff provided advice. |

This table does not include instances where APA logged-in to its profile and did not make changes or where automated emails were sent by the Register.

Some interactions involved APA submitting requests through its online profile on the Register or PM&C staff accepting or declining requests through the administration website of the Register.

2. Nil