



# Freedom of Information Request: FOI 25-077

Ministerial Submissions the Department has provided to the Minister for Communications from 1 January 2024 to 23 August 2024

Ministerial submissions are listed in order of the date on which the briefs were sent to the Minister’s office

PDR reference	Ministerial Submission Title	Date sent to the Minister’s office
1. MS23-005075	Regional Telecommunications Review 2024 - Committee Appointment Instrument	5/01/2024
2. MS23-004969	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Chairperson selection process - Letter to the Prime Minister	9/01/2024
3. s47(1)(b)		
4. s47C		
5. MS23-005099	Classification Board – Resignation of Director and proposed appointment of acting Deputy Director	11/01/2024
6. MS24-000014	Tabling of NBN Co share certificate	11/01/2024
7. MS24-000029	Senate Order 22 for the 2023-24 Additional Estimates hearing - Meetings with former ministers	11/01/2024
8. MS24-000005	Community Broadcasting Sustainability Review – authority to release discussion paper	12/01/2024
9. MS24-000064	Appointment of new members to the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group	15/01/2024
10. MS24-000037	Oversight of the Trusted eSafety Provider program	16/01/2024
11. MS24-000040	Community Television Bill - Approval of exposure draft for consultation	17/01/2024
12. s47C		
13. s47C	s42	s47C
14. MS24-000022	Triple Zero Emergency Call Service update for Q4 2023	19/01/2024
15. MS24-000048	Senate Order 21 for the 2023-24 Additional Estimates Hearing - Responses to QoNs	19/01/2024
16. MS24-000055	Launch of the Extended Online Safety campaign	19/01/2024
17. MS24-000083	Short Message Service (SMS) sender ID registry and Australia Post	19/01/2024
18. s34(3)		

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19.	s33(a)(iii)	
20.	s47C	
21.	s34(3)	
22.	MS24-000074 Public consultation – amendments to Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Regulations 2019	25/01/2024
23.	s47C	
24.	MS24-000066 Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Chair selection process - Notification letters	29/01/2024
25.	s47C	
26.	MS24-000084 Approval of the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Industry Self-Classification) Regulations 2024 (the Regulations)	29/01/2024
27.	MS24-000110 Letter from Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023 (the Bill)	29/01/2024
28.	s47C	
29.	s47C	
30.	MS24-000119 Appointment of Members and Temporary Members, Classification Board	30/01/2024
31.	MS23-004895 Renewal of the Telecommunications (Participating Person Exemption – Public Safety) Determination 2022	31/01/2024
32.	s47C	
33.	MS24-000129 Independent Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 – Extending the Appointment of the Reviewer	31/01/2024
34.	MS24-000156 Broadcasting Services (Minimum Prominence Requirements) Regulations 2024 - Exposure Draft	31/01/2024
35.	s47C	
36.	s34(3)	
37.	s47C	
38.	MS24-000150 Approval of Broadcasting Services Amendment (Community Television) Bill 2024	7/02/2024
39.	s34(3)	
40.	MS24-000144 South East Queensland City Deal (SEQ Deal) - Digital Connectivity projects - letter to new Queensland Minister and update to Portfolio Minister	8/02/2024
41.	s47C	
42.	s47C	
43.	s47C	
44.	s47C	

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45.	MS24-000047	3.8 GHz Area Wide Licence allocation – ACMA Authority decisions	13/02/2024
46.	MS24-000171	SMS sender ID registry - revised consultation paper	13/02/2024
47.	s34(1)(c)		
48.	s47C		
49.	MS24-000252	Community Wi-Fi in Remote communities - Next Steps	15/02/2024
50.	s34(3)		
51.	MS24-000072	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) non-executive Director vacancies	16/02/2024
52.	s47C		
53.	s34(3)		
54.	MS24-000216	Correspondence on the upcoming expiry of Mr Tony Nutt's appointment on the Australia Post Board, modernisation and recent section 19 notification.	16/02/2024
55.	s34(1)(c)		
56.	MS24-000257	Online Harms Ministers Meeting - Draft Agenda	16/02/2024
57.	MS24-000067	Tabling of the Government Responses to the Interim and Final reports by the Senate Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media	19/02/2024
58.	MS23-004841	Expiring Spectrum Licences – Draft Ministerial Policy Statement for Consultation	20/02/2024
59.	MS24-000058	Postal Industry Ombudsman (PIO) proposed 2022-23 investigation fees	20/02/2024
60.	MS24-000140	Approval of the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Legislation Amendment Instrument 2024 (the Amendment Instrument)	22/02/2024
61.	MS24-000213	Appointment of Temporary Members to the Classification Board	22/02/2024
62.	s47C		
63.	s47C		
64.	s47C		
65.	MS24-000356	Optus Outage - Bean Review	27/02/2024
66.	MS24-000254	Appointment of Members to the Classification Board (the Board)	28/02/2024
67.	MS23-004807	Low Earth Orbit Satellites (LEOSat) Working Group - 2023 Chair's Report	29/02/2024
68.	s34(1)(c)		
69.	s34(1)(c)		
70.	MS24-000117	Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 – Overview of Submissions to the Senate Committee Inquiry	4/03/2024
71.	MS24-000337	Online Safety (Basic Online Safety Expectations) Amendment Determination 2023 (the Amendment Determination) – Feedback from public consultation	5/03/2024

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72.	MS24-000386 Classification Board - Appointment of Members	5/03/2024
73.	s47C	
74.	s47C	
75.	MS24-000283 World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 – Key outcomes and next steps	6/03/2024
76.	s47C	
77.	s47C	
78.	MS24-000198 Extension of acting arrangements for the Director and Deputy Director of the Classification Board	8/03/2024
79.	MS24-000236 ANAO Performance Audit of the Mobile Black Spot Program - Improving Mobile Coverage Round (IMCR) - Progress Update	8/03/2024
80.	s47C	
81.	s34(3)	
82.	s47C	
83.	s34(3)	
84.	MS24-000369 eSafety Update on Phase 1 Industry Standards - RES and DIS	12/03/2024
85.	MS24-000034 NBN Co Limited (NBN Co) Board Candidate and 2023 Board Performance Review and 2024 Board Plan	13/03/2024
86.	MS24-000442 Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation (TDRI) Program - approval of grant funding recommendations	13/03/2024
87.	s47C	
88.	MS24-000391 Annual Carrier Licence Charges Determination 2023-24	14/03/2024
89.	MS24-000387 Amending the Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Regulations 2019 – consultation outcomes and publication of formal submissions	15/03/2024
90.	MS23-004832 Text approval of consequential amendments to the Telecommunications Act 1997 from the proposed Crimes and Other Legislative Amendment (Omnibus No.1) Bill 2024 (the Bill).	18/03/2024
91.	MS24-000449 Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024	18/03/2024
92.	s34(3)	
93.	MS24-000376 Amendments to Performance Standards Regulations for Australia Post – Federal Executive Council (ExCo) papers	20/03/2024
94.	s47C	
95.	s47C	
96.	s47F	
97.	MS24-000444 Temporary Disaster Roaming Scoping Report	26/03/2024
98.	MS24-000477 Supporting Media Literacy in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities Grant Opportunity Guidelines	26/03/2024

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99.	s34(3)	s34(2)	
100.	s47C	s34(3)	
101.	s47E(d)		
102.	s47C		
103.	MS24-000352	Tabling of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) report on Telstra's compliance with its Structural Separation Undertaking (SSU) 2022-23	2/04/2024
104.	s47E(d)		
105.	MS24-000534	Regional Connectivity Ministerial Roundtable Invitations - 24 April 2024	2/04/2024
106.	s34(1)(c)		
107.	MS24-000230	Response to Petition EN5572 on political bias in Australian Broadcasting Corporation editorial and programming matters	3/04/2024
108.	s47C		
109.	s42		
110.	s34(3)		
111.	s47C		
112.	s34(3)		
113.	MS24-000457	Reappointment of Ms Nerida O'Loughlin PSM as Chair of the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) - Federal Executive Council (ExCo) Papers	5/04/2024
114.	MS24-000564	Independent Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 – Process and timing to finalise the Issues Paper	5/04/2024
115.	s47C		
116.	MS24-000289	Australia Post 2023-24 Interim Dividend and December 2024 Progress Report	9/04/2024
117.	MS24-000491	NBN Co - Corporate Plan 2023-24	9/04/2024
118.	MS24-000504	Online Safety (Basic Online Safety Expectations) Amendment Determination 2024 (the Amendment Determination) - Publication of stakeholder submissions and potential amendments	9/04/2024
119.	MS24-000544	Outstanding Government Responses to Committee Reports tabled prior to 21 May 2022 (M Rowland)	9/04/2024
120.	s34(3)		
121.	MS24-000476	Publication of the Television and Media Survey 2023 Results	10/04/2024
122.	MS24-000602	Regional Connectivity Ministers' Roundtable - Agenda - 24 April 2024	10/04/2024
123.	MS24-000612	Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee's queries about the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023	10/04/2024

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124. MS24-000233	Petition Ministerial Referral (PN0589) - Telstra mobile phone coverage to the local area of Texas and surrounding suburbs	11/04/2024
125.	s47C	
126.	s34(3)	
127. MS24-000597	Tabling of NBN Co Share Certificate issued 4 April 2024 for March quarter equity payment	11/04/2024
128. MS24-000629	Optus Outage Report - Letters to Ministers	11/04/2024
129. MS24-000002	Yarramalong Election Commitment - Resilience Upgrade - Evaluation Report and Recommendations	12/04/2024
130. MS24-000399	Roll-out of Community Wi-Fi in remote communities	12/04/2024
131. MS24-000605	Appointment documents for NBN Board - Mr Russell	12/04/2024
132.	s47C	
133. MS24-000266	Mobile Network Hardening Program Round 2 - Decision on projects to be funded	15/04/2024
134.	s47C	
135.	s47C	
136. MS24-000663	Update on National Relay Service tender outcome	18/04/2024
137.	s47E(d)	
138.	s47C	
139. MS24-000570	Letter to the Minister for Finance - seeking an amendment to Schedule 1AB of the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997 for PacificAus TV	19/04/2024
140. MS24-000519	Ministerial Policy Statement -Expiring Spectrum Licences	22/04/2024
141. MS24-000705	Optus Outage Report - Letters to Government Services Ministers	22/04/2024
142.	s47C	
143.	s34(3)	
144.	s47C	
145. MS24-000685	Reappointment of Ms Nerida O'Loughlin as the Chair of ACMA- Notification Letter	24/04/2024
146.	s47C	
147.	s34(3)	
148. MS24-000697	Independent Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 - Release of Issues Paper (the Issues Pape) for Public Consultation	26/04/2024
149. MS24-000724	Special Access Undertaking (SAU): Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) Funding	26/04/2024
150. MS24-000567	School Student Broadband Initiative - Approval of Grant Opportunity Guidelines Round 2	30/04/2024

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151.	s47C	
152.	MS24-000475 Senate Order 22 for the 2024-25 Budget Estimates hearing - Meetings with former ministers	1/05/2024
153.	s47E(d)	
154.	s47C	
155.	s47C	
156.	s47C	
157.	MS24-000467 Senate Order 21 for the 2024-25 Budget Estimates Hearing - Responses to QoNs	3/05/2024
158.	MS24-000732 Australia Post – Draft Statement of Expectations (SoE) for Board consultation	3/05/2024
159.	s34(3)	
160.	MS24-000793 Government Response to Inquiry Report - Connecting the country: Mission critical	6/05/2024
161.	MS24-000798 Outcomes of targeted consultations to the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill	6/05/2024
162.	s47C	
163.	MS24-000595 SMS Sender ID Registry - outcomes of consultation and next steps	8/05/2024
164.	s47C	
165.	s47C	
166.	s47C	
167.	s34(1)(c)	
168.	s47C	
169.	MS24-000675 Telecommunications Amendment (Participating Person Exemption – Public Safety) Determination 2024	9/05/2024
170.	s47C	
171.	s47C	
172.	s47C	
173.	MS24-000831 Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 – Replacement Explanatory Memorandum	10/05/2024
174.	s47C	
175.	MS24-000823 Telecommunications (Statutory Infrastructure Providers - Circumstances for Exceptions to Connection and Supply Obligations) Determination 2024: Approval	14/05/2024
176.	s47C	

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177.	s47C	
178.	s47C	
179.	s47C	
180.	s47C	
181.	s47C	
182.	MS24-000770 Optus D2 Satellite Decommissioning - Progress Update	20/05/2024
183.	s47B(a)	
184.	MS24-000913 Conclusion of ANAO Performance Audit of the Mobile Black Spot Program - Improving Mobile Coverage Round (IMCR)	22/05/2024
185.	MS24-000847 updated Government Response to the Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Foreign Interference through Social Media	23/05/2024
186.	s34(3)	
187.	s47C	
188.	MS24-000512 Improving mobile connectivity - Next steps following endorsement of the Final Report at the Planning Ministers Meeting	24/05/2024
189.	s47C	
190.	MS24-000907 NBN CEO position and pending Board vacancies	24/05/2024
191.	s47C	
192.	s47C	
193.	s47C	
194.	s47C	
195.	MS24-000908 Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) Rounds 1 to 5A and 7– Rollout schedule	29/05/2024
196.	MS24-000628 Classification Board – approval of process to appoint new Director	30/05/2024
197.	s34(3)	
198.	s47C	
199.	s47C	
200.	s47C	
201.	MS24-000965 SMS sender ID register bill	3/06/2024
202.	s47C	
203.	MS24-000947 Optus Outage Post-Incident Recommendations Update	4/06/2024
204.	s34(3)	
205.	s47B(a)	



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206.	s47C	
207.	s47C	
208.	MS24-000868 Petition EN5982 - proposing comprehensive measure for handling sexually explicit publications in public and school libraries	7/06/2024
209.	MS24-000989 Australian Associated Press (AAP) Grant Opportunity Guidelines	7/06/2024
210.	s47C	
211.	MS24-000900 Amendments to statutory infrastructure provider exempt developments instrument	11/06/2024
212.	s34(3)	
213.	MS24-000926 School Student Broadband Initiative – Approval of Grant Opportunity Round 2	12/06/2024
214.	s34(3)	
215.	MS24-000929 Regional Connectivity Ministers' Roundtable Invitations - 23 October 2024	13/06/2024
216.	s47C	
217.	s34(3)	
218.	s47C	
219.	MS24-001049 eSafety briefing note – Intention to register Industry Standards for relevant electronic services (RES) and designed internet services (DIS)	14/06/2024
220.	s47C	
221.	MS24-000808 Community Wi-Fi - NBN Co Application - Approval of Grant Opportunity	17/06/2024
222.	MS24-001061 Proposed industry meeting on Temporary Disaster Roaming	17/06/2024
223.	MS24-000914 Australia Post – Issue of Statement of Expectations (SoE)	18/06/2024
224.	MS24-001023 Viewer Access Satellite Television: Finalisation of seven year agreements	18/06/2024
225.	s47C	
226.	MS24-000888 DIGI voluntary code annual transparency reports 2024	19/06/2024
227.	MS24-000956 Classification Review Board – reappointment of Convenor, Deputy Convenor and Members	20/06/2024
228.	MS24-001043 Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 – Addendum to the Replacement Explanatory Memorandum	20/06/2024
229.	s47C	
230.	s47C	
231.	s47C	
232.	s47C	

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233.	s47C	
234.	MS24-001122 Update on the National Relay Service tender outcome	24/06/2024
235.	MS24-000435 Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSB) Improving Mobile Coverage Round (IMCR) Stage 2 - Approval of Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) and opening of IMCR Stage 2 Grant Opportunity for applications.	25/06/2024
236.	s47C	
237.	s47C	
238.	s47C	
239.	s47C	
240.	s47C	
241.	MS24-001133 Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST): Approval of Grant Opportunity Guidelines and agreement to a grant to continue the Western VAST service from 2024 to 2031	26/06/2024
242.	MS24-001002 NBN Co Interim Chief Executive Officer – Letter to the Prime Minister	27/06/2024
243.	s47C	
244.	MS24-000778 Approval of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Cost Recovery Implementation Statement: Fees for Services 2024-25.	28/06/2024
245.	s47C	
246.	s33(a)(iii)	
247.	MS24-000946 Australia Post March 2024 Progress Report and section 19 Notification Reporting	1/07/2024
248.	MS24-001053 Draft Terms of Reference - Regional Connectivity Ministers' Roundtable	1/07/2024
249.	MS24-001146 eSafety briefing note - Commencement of Phase 2 Industry Codes Development	1/07/2024
250.	s47C	
251.	s47C	
252.	MS24-001113 Schedule 1AB amendment to the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997 – legislative authority for First Nations Digital Support Hub and network of digital mentors	2/07/2024
253.	s47C	
254.	MS24-000974 Adoption of the Online Dating Safety Voluntary code	4/07/2024
255.	MS24-001162 Consultation on draft Directions – Optus Outage Review recommendations 10 and 12.	4/07/2024
256.	MS24-000556 Mobile Network Hardening Program (MNHP) - Round 1 Stage 2 – TPG Telecom Grant Agreement and extension to the Round	5/07/2024
257.	s34(3)	
258.	s47C	

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259.	s34(3)		
260.	s47F		
261.	s47C		
262.	MS24-001194	Out of Session Endorsement - Regional Connectivity Ministers' Roundtable Terms of Reference	9/07/2024
263.	s47C		
264.	s47C		
265.	MS24-000588	On Farm Connectivity Program (OFCP) Round 2	11/07/2024
266.	s47E(d)		
267.	MS24-001139	Petition EN6152 - Request to repeal the Online Safety Act 2021	11/07/2024
268.	MS24-000982	Social media platforms terms of use, enforcement, and international comparisons	12/07/2024
269.	MS24-001029	Targeted consultations on sunseting instruments related to ABC and SBS board appointments	12/07/2024
270.	s34(3)		
271.	s34(3)		
272.	s47E(d)		
273.	s47C		
274.	MS24-001208	Age Assurance Trial Stakeholder Roundtables, and engagement with young people and parents	16/07/2024
275.	MS24-000678	Approval of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and eSafety 2024-25 Corporate Plan	18/07/2024
276.	MS24-000791	Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program (RRAMP) - Approval of Pilot Programs	19/07/2024
277.	s47C		
278.	s47C		
279.	MS24-000869	Petition EN5943 - request to conduct a nationwide independent review of Telstra services - productivity and effectiveness of its services for all Australians	22/07/2024
280.	s47C		
281.	MS24-001123	Optus Outage Review Recommendations Update - June 2024	22/07/2024
282.	s47C		
283.	MS24-001328	Periodic reporting notices under the Basic Online Safety Expectations (BOSE) scheme	22/07/2024
284.	s34(1)(c)		
285.	MS24-000906	Selection process for Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Board non-executive Director – Nomination Panel's report	25/07/2024
286.	s34(3)		

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287.	s47C	
288.	MS24-001353 Directions to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) - Optus Outage Review Recommendations 10 and 12.	30/07/2024
289.	s34(3)	
290.	MS24-001176 NBN Co Limited (NBN Co)– appointment of interim CEO	1/08/2024
291.	s47C	
292.	MS24-001325 Invitation for stakeholders to join Communications Accessibility Consultative Committee	1/08/2024
293.	MS24-001339 ACMA Letter on Domestic and Family Violence (DFV)	1/08/2024
294.	MS24-001410 eSafety Youth Council 2024 Annual Report	5/08/2024
295.	s47C	
296.	s34(3)	
297.	s47C	
298.	MS24-001433 Report on Unproclaimed Legislation	7/08/2024
299.	s47C	
300.	s47C	
301.	s47C	
302.	s47C	
303.	s34(3)	
304.	s34(3)	
305.	MS24-001224 Australia Post Draft Corporate Plan 2024-25 – 2027-28 and section 19 notification	14/08/2024
306.	s47C	
307.	s47C	
308.	s34(3)	
309.	s47E(d)	
310.	MS24-001455 Text approval for consequential amendments to the Telecommunications Act 1997 resulting from a government amendment to the Crimes and Other Legislative Amendment (Omnibus No.3) Bill 2024	15/08/2024
311.	s47F	

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312. MS24-001364	Selection process for Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Board non-executive Director – Letter to Prime Minister	16/08/2024
313. MS24-001482	auDA Terms of Endorsement (ToE) 2024 Review - proposed consultation approach	16/08/2024
314.	s34(3)	
315. MS24-001528	Engagement of external supplier to assist industry to implement Optus Outage Review recommendation three	19/08/2024
316.	s47C	
317.	s47C	
318. MS24-001485	Proposed new NBN Co CEO – Letter to the Prime Minister	20/08/2024
319.	s47C	
320.	s47F	
321.	s34(3)	
322. MS24-001344	The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) draft Five-Year Spectrum Outlook and 2024-25 work program (draft FYSO 2024-29)	21/08/2024
323.	s34(1)(c)	
324. MS24-001219	Petition PN0611 - Request to ask Telstra to upgrade/increase the capacity of its battery supply at the Speewah exchange to provide at least 8 hours backup supply in the event of an electricity outage and the provision of backup generator power.	22/08/2024
325.	s47C	
326. MS24-001101	Approval of the Amazon Classification Tool and the revised Spherex Classification Tool for self-classification of films in Australia	23/08/2024
327.	s47C	
328.	s47C	
329.	s34(3)	
330.	s47F	
331. MS24-000249	Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) appointments	26/08/2024
332.	s47C	
333.	s47C	