



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Lobbying Register | Clàr-coiteachaidh

LOBBYING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

What is the purpose of the Act?

The intention of the [Act](#) is to increase public transparency about lobbying of certain public figures.

The Act makes provisions for a Lobbying Register which will allow the public to access and view information submitted by organisations and individuals who carry out certain types of lobbying.

Will it affect you or your organisation?

Any person engaged in 'regulated lobbying' as defined by the Act will be required to register these activities with the online Lobbying Register run by the Scottish Parliament, which is currently under development.

If you think that this legislation will affect you, or have an interest in the Act's implementation, then we would like to keep you up-to-date with our plans. Details on how to do this can be found at the bottom of the page.

Some key aspects of Regulated lobbying include:

- **The lobbying must take place orally and face-to-face (including video conferences) with**
 - **MSPs;**
 - **Scottish Government Ministers;**
 - **Special Advisers; and**
 - **the Scottish Government's Permanent Secretary; and**
- **The lobbying must be in relation to government or parliamentary functions**

A number of exemptions also exist within the Act that could mean you will not need to use the Lobbying Register.

Stay Informed

As we move towards its implementation, we will provide further information and publish full guidance on the Act, including more details about specifics and exemptions.



For more information and to register for updates please contact the Lobbying Register Team using the following details:

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