



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Lobbying (Scotland) Bill

## Call for views



Tell us what you think  
about the Lobbying Bill.



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#### ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

Explanatory Notes, together with other accompanying documents, are printed separately as SP Bill 82-EN. A Policy Memorandum is printed separately as SP Bill 82-PM.

### Lobbying (Scotland) Bill [AS INTRODUCED]

The Scottish Parliament to make provision about lobbying, and maintaining a lobbying register and the publication of

#### PART I

##### CORE CONCEPTS

defined lobbying

For the purposes of this Act, a person

person makes a

is made

provision

**The Lobbying (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 29 October 2015. The Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee is responsible for reporting to Parliament on the bill and would like to hear your views.**

The Bill and accompanying documents are available on the Parliament's website at: [www.scottish.parliament.uk/lobbying-bill](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/lobbying-bill)

The purpose of the Bill is to increase public transparency by introducing a register of lobbying activity.

**The Committee would like your views on:**

- Do you agree that the Bill is necessary and that the establishment of a Lobbying Register is desirable?
- How will the Bill affect you or your organisation?
- You would only have to register if you were lobbying in exchange for payment (either as a consultant or an employee). You wouldn't have to register if you lobby in the course of voluntary work or lobby on your own behalf. Do you agree with this approach?
- Does the Bill strike the right balance between capturing valuable information while ensuring that access to participation with the work of Parliament and Government is not discouraged?
- Do you feel that the Bill is sufficiently clear? Does it allow individuals and organisations to easily know whether their activity requires to be registered?

## How to submit your views

The closing date for responses is 30 November 2015.



All responses should be sent to the Committee clerks at [sppa.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:sppa.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)



You can read the full call for evidence here: [www.scottish.parliament.uk/lobbying-bill](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/lobbying-bill)



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