



Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body  
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## Lobbying Register – Seventh Annual Report

### Executive summary

1. The SPCB (Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body) has been engaged by parliamentary officials at regular intervals on the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 and Lobbying Register, since 2017. This has included previous annual reports.
2. The seventh annual report has now been produced, inclusive of data for the first 7 years and 3 months of the Register (from 12 March 2018 to 11 June 2025).
3. The report is not a statutory requirement but produced to help provide public information about the progress and operation of the Register, as well as to update the SPCB, and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments (SPPA) Committee (which has lobbying within its remit).
4. The report is attached, and we would like to draw attention to the following sections:
  - a. **Key Facts** on page 6 reflecting the Register's substantial reach now, with almost 1,400 active registered organisations resulting in over 45,000 published information returns.
  - b. **New Lobbying Register** in the Chief Executive's foreword at page 3 and specifically on page 8.
  - c. **Compliance** on pages 17-18. This section sets out some progress being made to reduce the number of breaches of the Act (i.e., not provided returns or a nil return by the statutory 6-monthly deadline date) and ideas to build in future compliance measures, using new technology.

## Publication Scheme

5. This paper will be published in accordance with the SPCB's publication scheme. A copy of the report will also be sent to the Clerk of the SPPA Committee.

## **Decision**

6. The SPCB is invited to note this paper and the annual report.

### **Lobbying Register Team**

Chief Executive's Group

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