

On 13 June 2013, the Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) gave the following indication under Rule 9.14.13(a):

“I hereby indicate that the Scottish Government will introduce a Bill, within the current session of the Parliament. This will include provisions which require certain individuals and organisations who lobby MSPs, Scottish Ministers or relevant public officials, either on their own account or on behalf of third parties, to record relevant information about their lobbying activity in a published register. Accordingly, the Bill will give effect to Neil Findlay’s final proposal for a Lobbying Transparency (Scotland) Bill.”

As a result, Neil Findlay has no right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal, and the proposal falls.