



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Lobbying Register – Fifth Annual Report

7 September 2023

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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 fifth annual report has now been produced, inclusive of data for the first 5 years and 3 months of the Register (from 12 March 2018 to 12 June 2023).
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 to this paper. We would like to draw attention to the following sections:
 - a. **Key Facts** on page 6. This page reflects on the past five years since the Register was established.
 - b. **Parliamentary review** on page 8. This highlights the current position in relation to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and existing legislation.
 - c. **Compliance** in the Chief Executive's foreword at page 3 and on pages 22 and 23. Outlines the key audit process underway of issuing statement letters to registered organisation's Chief Executives (following up on the [Chief Executive's report to SPCB](#) of 18 May).
5. Officials will be happy to answer any questions on the report or any other regulated lobbying related matters.

Publication Scheme

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

Decision

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

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