

Steven Fadian

From: DRCD Secretary General
Sent: 07 May 2019 15:16
To: Steven Fadian
Subject: RE: Second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act - DRCD returned observations

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Good afternoon,

Please see below observations from DRCD on the Second Review of the Lobbying Act:

- DRCD is supportive of the view that public bodies should record all correspondence and communication relating to lobbying activities. There should be more emphasis on record keeping for both persons covered by the Act and those staff members not covered by the Act.
- We also believe that the list of bodies covered and exempted from the legislation should be kept under review, and that there should be clarity around the criteria by which bodies are included for the benefit of the understanding of the citizen.

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From: Steven Fadian
Sent: 12 April 2019 08:19
Subject: Second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act

Dear Secretary General,

Please see the enclosed e-mail from Angela Denning in relation to the second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act.

Thanks,

Steven Fadian,

Government Reform Unit,

DPER.

Dear Secretary General,

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) has now commenced the second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 and, as part of this review, submissions are now invited from interested parties, including your Department, on the operation of the Act.

A paper setting out the background to and details about this review can be found on the [www.gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/652934-second-review-of-the-regulation-of-lobbying-act-2015/) website <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/652934-second-review-of-the-regulation-of-lobbying-act-2015/>

Submissions should be forwarded to lobbying@per.gov.ie as soon as possible, but no later than 5pm on Friday the 10th of May 2019 (late submissions will not be accepted). Any information provided in submissions may be used in order to assist towards the determination of conclusions and any recommendations for amendments to the Act.

In addition, I would ask that you arrange for the details of this email to be forwarded to all designated public officials under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 in your Department, for their own information, in the event that they may be interested in making a submission.

It should be noted that DPER, in the interests of transparency, intends to publish on its website the content of all submissions received in response to this consultation document and the identity of the party making the submission, including their affiliation. Any submission containing commercially sensitive or private or confidential material should therefore clearly identify that portion of the submission which contains such information and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. All submissions received will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and may be released or published on foot of third party applications or otherwise. Please check the Privacy Notice regarding this Public Consultation at the link enclosed in relation to the use of personal data that DPER will collect as part of this process. <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/652934-second-review-of-the-regulation-of-lobbying-act-2015/>

In relation to the publication of submissions received, DPER intends to use a Table with the following three headings:

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Best wishes,

Angela Denning, Principal Officer

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