

Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016

PART 2

THE LOBBYING REGISTER

Active registrants

11 Information returns

- (1) An active registrant must submit to the Clerk an information return in respect of—
 - (a) the period of 6 months beginning with—
 - (i) in the case of a registrant who provided information under section 8(1), the date on which the relevant period mentioned in that section began in relation to that person, or
 - (ii) in the case of a registrant who applied under section 9(1), the date of the application, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 6 months.
- (2) The information return must be submitted—
 - (a) in such form as the Clerk may determine,
 - (b) before the end of the period of 2 weeks beginning immediately after the end of the period to which the return relates.
- (3) The first information return submitted by a registrant mentioned in subsection (1)(a) (i) must contain—
 - (a) either—
 - (i) the information mentioned in section 6 in relation to each instance of the registrant engaging in regulated lobbying during the period in question (other than information provided under section 8(1)(b)), or
 - (ii) a statement that, during the period in question, other than the registrant's first instance of regulated lobbying, the registrant did not engage in regulated lobbying, and
 - (b) if any information included in the register in relation to the registrant is or has become inaccurate, information about the changes that have occurred.

- (4) Every other information return submitted by a registrant under this section must contain—
 - (a) either—
 - (i) the information mentioned in section 6 in relation to each instance of the registrant engaging in regulated lobbying during the period in question, or
 - (ii) a statement that, during the period in question, the registrant did not engage in regulated lobbying, and
 - (b) if any information included in the register in relation to the registrant is or has become inaccurate, information about the changes that have occurred.
- (5) An active registrant may, at any time, notify the Clerk in writing—
 - (a) if any information included in the register in relation to that registrant has become inaccurate, about the changes that have occurred,
 - (b) about information of the type mentioned in section 7(a),
 - (c) about such other information which the registrant wishes to include in the register.
- (6) The Clerk must, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving an information return or information under subsection (5), update the register to include—
 - (a) the information contained in the information return or as the case may be provided under subsection (5)(a) or (b),
 - (b) any information provided under subsection (5)(c) which the Clerk considers appropriate to include in the register.