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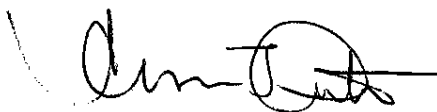
### **Statement from the Registrar**

The Cabinet Office has announced today that the annual fee payable for joining the Register of Consultant Lobbyists will be £750. As Registrar, it is my intention to invoice for the full amount at the point of registration and on an annual basis thereafter. In accordance with Cabinet Office regulations, joining the Register partway throughout the year will result in scaling the fee commensurate with the unexpired portion of the calendar year at that point.

I anticipate that the Register will open during the last week of March, and I am currently testing the technical system with potential users and seeking expressions of interest in joining the Register. I encourage potential registrants to express an interest, which will enable me to provide them with support in the registration process.

I have submitted my business plan and budget to Ministers for approval and these will be published in due course. As I have stated previously, I will continue to ensure that the costs of my Office are proportionate to my statutory role, and that all costs are transparent, whether part of Cabinet Office budgets or not.

My discussions with the stakeholders have indicated that the potential number of registrants could be 50-75. This includes not only lobbying specialists, but also lawyers, accountants, consultants- possibly, even Members of Parliament. It is a function of legislation that was drawn up to do a very specific task, that the numbers required to register would potentially, be relatively few in number. It is for future Governments to decide whether changes should be made to legislation, not the Registrar. It is my role to ensure that all those that need to register, do so.



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**Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists**