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Dear Stewart,

**STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT –
PROPOSAL FOR A REGISTER OF LOBBYING ACTIVITY (1ST REPORT, 2015)**

This letter offers the Government's response to the Committee's Report *Proposal for a Register of Lobbying Activity* (1st Report, 2015), published following its Inquiry into lobbying in Scotland. This is a complex topic, and the Committee's diligent work has helped to shape a way forward that has commanded broad support from stakeholders.

The Government is carefully considering how the Committee's findings can best be translated into legislation. With that in mind, we will shortly bring forward a public consultation which will contain proposals for establishing a register of lobbyists. This consultation will directly address the policy issues set out by the Committee, and will also serve as the Government's full response to the Committee's report.

As I confirmed in my letter of 17 March to the Presiding Officer, ongoing engagement between Government and Parliament will be key to ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of the legislation. I have therefore instructed my officials to maintain close contact with officials at the Parliament, including SPPA Committee Clerks, as relevant work goes forward.

Yours for Scotland.



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