

Lobbying Transparency (In-house Lobbyists) Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*Tabled up to and including
10 July 2026*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Before Clause 1

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Before Clause 1, insert the following new Clause —

“Purpose

- (1) The purpose of this Act is to subject professional in-house lobbyists to the same transparency requirements as consultant lobbyists.
- (2) In implementing the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Lobbyists must have regard to this purpose.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to place the purpose of subjecting professional in-house lobbyists to the same transparency requirements as consultant lobbyists on the face of the Bill, so as to clarify that the Bill is not designed to place overburdensome requirements on other types of employee and small businesses which do not employ professional in-house lobbyists.

Clause 1

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 17, leave out from “employment,” to the end of line 20

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 22, leave out “engager or principal,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 23, leave out “engager or principal,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 25, leave out “, engager or principal”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 26, leave out “or a public body”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure all in-house lobbyists acting on behalf of public bodies would have to register in the same way as other in-house lobbyists.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out from “employer,” to “and” in line 18

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 2, line 19, leave out lines 19 to 24

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would remove the requirement for a private organisation to produce a code of conduct for in-house lobbyists when an employee or other person is required to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 2, line 33, leave out from “activities)” to end of line 34

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to understand why a private organisation should be required publish a code of conduct for its employees

LORD SHERBOURNE OF DIDSBURY

- ★ Clause 1, page 3, leave out lines 14 to 17

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the power to make regulations which specify information to be included in an in-house lobbyists information return because this could result in an asymmetrical regulatory regime for consultant and in-house lobbyists.

LORD SHERBOURNE OF DIDSBURY

- ★ Clause 1, page 3, line 34, leave out lines 34 to 36

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment probes the justification for an employer being guilty of an offence where an in-house lobbyist acts on their behalf and fails to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 4, line 7, leave out “, engager or principal”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 4, line 8, leave out “, engager or principal”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

BARONESS FINN

- ★ Clause 1, page 4, line 19, leave out “, engager or principal”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Baroness Finn would ensure that only those who are employees of the business, charity or other organisation they are lobbying for will have to register as an in-house lobbyist.

After Clause 1

BARONESS FINN

- ★ After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause —

“Review: charges

- (1) Within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must undertake a review of the charges imposed on in-house lobbyists as a result of the interaction of this Act with section 22 of the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (charges).
- (2) In undertaking the review under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must have regard to the impact of the imposition of charges on —
 - (a) small businesses,
 - (b) medium-sized businesses,
 - (c) charities,
 - (d) non-profit organisations,
 - (e) community interest companies, and
 - (f) sole traders.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish a report of the review required under subsection (1) within three months of its completion and place a copy of the report in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to require the Secretary of State to review the impact of charges imposed on in-house lobbyists on small and medium sized businesses as well as on a number of other organisations.

LORD SHERBOURNE OF DIDSBURY

★ After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Review: impact of this Act on free communication between ministers and stakeholders

- (1) Within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must undertake a review of the impact of this Act on free communication between ministers and stakeholders.
- (2) In undertaking the review under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must have regard to the impact on a person’s willingness to engage with ministers of—
 - (a) the imposition of charges under section 22 of the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (charges),
 - (b) the administrative burden of registering as an in-house lobbyist under section 1 of this Act,
 - (c) the requirement to comply with a relevant code of conduct as an in-house lobbyist under section 1 of this Act, and
 - (d) any other provisions of this Act which the Secretary of State believes may have a relevant impact.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish a report of the review required under subsection (1) within three months of its completion and place a copy of the report in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to review the impact of this Act on free communication between ministers and stakeholders.

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