

LOBBYING RETURN REGISTER REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT 2015 IRELAND

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Lobbying regulation: The Irish Model

- Web-based public registry
- Independent lobbying registrar
- Requires registration of lobbyists and regular submission of returns (3 times/year)
- Broad scope of registerable matters
- Post-employment restrictions for some public officials
- Investigation and enforcement provisions
- Approach based on promoting compliance
- Regular reports to parliament
- Legislative review

What is lobbying? The Three-Step Test

- Communication must meet the “three step test” to be considered lobbying - communication by:
 1. Persons within the scope of the Act
 2. With Designated Public Officials
 3. On relevant matters
- Act makes no distinction regarding method, venue or formality of communication
 - Mail, telephone, in-person, electronic, social media
 - Office, social setting, casual encounter, other

Exemptions (s.5(5))

Several types of communications are exempt from requirement to register:

- Private affairs
- Principal private residence
- Diplomatic context
- Between public officials
- Strictly factual information
- Trade union negotiations
- Threat to life or safety
- Security of the State
- Shareholder of State body
- Within proceedings of Oireachtas Committee
- Information requested and published by public body
- Groups established by Public Body where Transparency Code applies

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| Public policy or programme | 17702 |
| Legislation | 6018 |
| Matters involving public funds | 5014 |
| Zoning or development | 1605 |


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Declan O'Toole & Co., Solicitors


[lobbying.ie/return/56400/declan-otoole--co-solicitors](#)

 Published 12 Feb, 2020

 Nil Return

Sisters of Mercy


[lobbying.ie/return/56398/sisters-of-mercy](#)


 Published 12 Feb, 2020

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Re introducing lead contaminated products in the European Union - the EU Commission propose to allow lead contaminated PVC to be sold / distributed in the ... | Health | Public policy or programme |

The Soar Foundation


[lobbying.ie/return/56397/the-soar-foundation](#)

 Published 11 Feb, 2020

 Nil Return

Irish Equine Centre

[lobbying.ie/return/56396/irish-equine-centre](#)

 Published 10 Feb, 2020

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Submission from the Irish Equine Centre in relation to the redevelopment of the existing facility in Johnstotwn, Co. Kildare which are no longer fit for... | Agriculture | Matters involving public funds |

Pro Life Campaign

[lobbying.ie/return/56394/pro-life-campaign](#)

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 Nil Return

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6018 Returns

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Relevant Matter: Legislation

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The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

lobbying.ie/return/357/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa

Published 21 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Penalties on Single Farm Payments in relation to non-cutting of hedgerows along public roads.

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Local Government

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

Screen Producers Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/362/screen-producers-ireland

Published 20 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Broadcasting policy.

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Communications

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

IMPACT trade union

lobbying.ie/return/378/impact-trade-union

Published 19 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

European Citizens Initiative (ECI) on recognising access to water and sanitation as a human right (Right2Water.eu) which aims to exclude water and ...

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

EU Affairs

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/379/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Meeting with the Chief Medical Officer to discuss the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Health

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

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Relevant Matter: Matters involving public funds

IMPACT trade union

[lobbying.ie/return/359/impact-trade-union](#)

Published 19 Jan, 2016

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Trade union participation and co-operation in events commemorating the centenary of the 1916 Rising | Heritage | Matters involving public funds |

The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

[lobbying.ie/return/371/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa](#)

Published 21 Jan, 2016

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Remedial works on the Shannon Estuary and West Clare areas following 2014 flood damage, Lough Rynn flood relief programme, South Galway (Dunkellen and ... | Finance | Matters involving public funds |

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

[lobbying.ie/return/384/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland](#)

Published 18 Jan, 2016

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland pre-Budget submission sent to all Oireachtas members | Health | Matters involving public funds |

The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

[lobbying.ie/return/389/the-irish-farmers-association---ifa](#)

Published 21 Jan, 2016

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Sensitive Basic Payment and Rural Development Schemes | Agriculture | Matters involving public funds |

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The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

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Published 21 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Opposition to proposal by members of Cork County Council that road repair work be associated with Dairy/Milk Production Expansion. | Local Government | Public policy or programme |

The Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/374/the-irish-co-operative-organisation-society-ltd

Published 19 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
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| ICOS Pre-Budget Submission 2016 | Finance | Public policy or programme |

The Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/382/the-irish-co-operative-organisation-society-ltd

Published 19 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
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| The downturn in global dairy markets | Agriculture | Public policy or programme |

Dogs Trust

lobbying.ie/return/383/dogs-trust

Published 07 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Sensitive Animal welfare matters within the EU. | EU Affairs | Public policy or programme |

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Relevant Matter: Zoning or development

Callan Community Network

lobbying.ie/return/488/callan-community-network

Published 16 Jan, 2016

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Upgrading of the Abbey Meadow into a Town Park for Callan | Community | Zoning or development |

David Mc Nally

lobbying.ie/return/520/david-mc-nally

Published 19 Dec, 2015

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|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Local Authority Bylaws | Development and Zoning | Zoning or development |

Temple Media Ltd

lobbying.ie/return/540/temple-media-ltd

Published 18 Oct, 2015

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| I have lobbied and am lobbying local authorities to encourage them to adopt higher building standards in their development plans. This is unpaid lobbying work. | Development and Zoning | Zoning or development |

Brian Halligan

lobbying.ie/return/585/brian-halligan

Published 28 Oct, 2015

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| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
| Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 | Local Government | Zoning or development |

Brian Halligan

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| Health | 4343 |
| Economic Development and Industry | 2111 |
| Agriculture | 2045 |
| Justice and Equality | 1850 |
| Housing | 1596 |
| Education and Training | 1514 |
| Environment | 1175 |
| Children and Youth Affairs | 1150 |
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| Finance | 949 |
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| Energy and Natural Resources | 884 |
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| Community | 785 |
| Budgetary matters | 777 |
| Employment | 710 |
| Local Government | 669 |
| Social Protection | 622 |
| Trade | 595 |
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| Public Expenditure and Reform | 411 |
| Tourism | 396 |
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| Marine | 191 |
| Heritage | 131 |

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Public Policy Area: Health 

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/379/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

 Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Meeting with the Chief Medical Officer to discuss the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015

PUBLIC POLICY AREA


Health

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/384/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

 Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland pre-Budget submission sent to all Oireachtas members

PUBLIC POLICY AREA


Health

RELEVANT MATTER

Matters involving public funds

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/385/royal-college-of-physicians-of-ireland

 Published 18 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

To secure legislative amendments to the Health Miscellaneous Provision Bill to remove the requirement for a document equivalent to the...

PUBLIC POLICY AREA


Health

RELEVANT MATTER

Legislation

Siel Bleu Ireland

lobbying.ie/return/413/siel-bleu-ireland

 Published 04 Jan, 2016

SPECIFIC DETAILS

Senator Feargal Quinn was contacted on the 10th of October 2015 via email

PUBLIC POLICY AREA

Health
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RELEVANT MATTER

Public policy or programme

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| Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas | 1008 |
| Seanad | 4009 |
| Department of Health | 2667 |
| Department of Finance | 2303 |
| Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine | 2213 |
| Department of the Taoiseach | 2015 |
| European Parliament | 1761 |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 1613 |
| Department of Public Expenditure and Reform | 1493 |
| Department of Justice and Equality | 1481 |
| Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport | 1448 |
| Department of Education and Skills | 1401 |
| Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment | 1400 |
| Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation | 1243 |
| Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government | 1126 |
| Dublin City Council | 1031 |
| Department of Children and Youth Affairs | 852 |
| Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation | 765 |
| Department of Social Protection | 738 |
| The Office of the Revenue Commissioners | 602 |
| Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection | 521 |
| Fingal County Council | 513 |

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 Published 20 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Budgetary measures to increase the supply of housing | Housing | Public policy or programme |

Ibec


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 Published 20 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Telecommunications network rates payable by telecoms companies | Public Expenditure and Reform | Legislation |

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
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 Published 20 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ibec Budget 2016 Campaign; Taxation, Capital Expenditure, Government Reform | Budgetary matters | Public policy or programme |

Ibec

[lobbying.ie/return/607/ibec](#)

 Published 20 Jan, 2016

| SPECIFIC DETAILS | PUBLIC POLICY AREA | RELEVANT MATTER |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Provision of information on challenges facing the telecommunications industry in rolling out infrastructure investment requirements | Communications | Public policy or programme |

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Registration information



Date of registration
7 July, 2015

Date last updated
3 November, 2015

[Report inaccurate information](#)

Contact information



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Main activities of the organisation

Industry body

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CRO Information

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Company Registration Name
IBEC LIMITED

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The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA

Lobbying Organisation

[The Irish Farmers' Association - IFA](#)

Date published

19 Jan, 2020

Report inaccurate information

Relevant Matter

Legislation

Public Policy Area

EU Affairs

Period

1 Sep, 2019 to 31 Dec, 2019

Specific Details

Brexit - Withdrawal of the UK from the EU - Implications of Brexit for Agriculture & the Food Sector

Intended results

Support required for the Agricultural sector and specifical vulnerable sectors such as the beef sector and the mushroom sector in the event of a hard deal brexit

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

Joe Healy IFA President.

Is or was there any Designated Public Officials or former Designated Public Officials who carried out lobbying activities related to this return on your behalf? [\(What is a Designated Public Official?\)](#)

No

Did you manage or direct a grassroots campaign?

No

Was this lobbying done on behalf of a client?

No

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Lobbying activity

i The following activities occurred for this specific Subject Matter Area.

Meeting (2-5)

Event / Reception (1)

Meeting (1)

Designated public officials lobbied

i The following DPOs were lobbied during this return period on this specific Subject Matter Area. These DPOs were involved in at least one of the Lobbying Activities listed above, but not necessarily all of them. As returns are specific to a Subject Matter Area the above Lobbying Activities may be associated with multiple returns.

Simon Coveney
Tánaiste and Minister (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

Paul Daly
Senator (Seanad)

Michelle Mulherin
Senator (Seanad)

Joe O'Reilly
Senator (Seanad)

Frances Black
Senator (Seanad)

Gerard Craughwell
Senator (Seanad)

Ian Marshall
Senator (Seanad)

Gerald Nash
Senator (Seanad)

Ned O'Sullivan
Senator (Seanad)



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Main activities of the organisation

Industry body

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