

Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Summary of investigation

April 2020

Organisation or person investigated: Lowick Group

Matter(s) investigated: Whether the Lowick Group's activities are such that they should be entered on the Register of Consultant Lobbyists.

Registrar's decision: There is no evidence of consultant lobbying historically, but Lowick Group are likely to need to register themselves in prospect of future work.

Summary of rationale for decision: Though the services promoted on Lowick Group's website might potentially include consultant lobbying activity, Lowick Group have given an express assurance that at 20 April 2020 they have not undertaken such activity, and no evidence has been provided to the Registrar to prove the contrary. Lowick have sought the Registrar's advice in relation to some forthcoming work and it is likely this will require registration and declaration.

Chronology:

1 April 2020	ORCL receives an email from a third party, drawing attention to the services offered by Lowick Group on their website, and their lack of inclusion on the Register of Consultant Lobbyists.
2 April 2020	Initial letter of enquiry from Registrar emailed to Lowick Group, outlining statutory requirements in relation to Register of Consultant Lobbyists and seeking comment and assurances from Lowick. Email also sent to third party informant, requesting details of any specific statutory breach they may have been aware of.
15 April 2020	Phone call from ORCL to chase lack of response from Lowick Group. Further copy of Registrar's letter of 2 April emailed following conversation.
17 April 2020	Reply received from Lowick Group suggesting lack of historic consultant lobbying, but possible need to register in respect of forthcoming work.

20 April 2020

Email from ORCL to Lowick seeking explicit confirmation of no consultant lobbying activity to date. Email reply received, providing that explicit confirmation.