

Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Summary of investigation

August to November 2020

Organisation or person investigated: Longevity International (UK)

Matter(s) investigated: Whether Longevity International (UK)'s activities, relating to the Longevity APPG, are such that they should be entered on the Register of Consultant Lobbyists.

Registrar's decision: Based on Longevity International (UK)'s assurances and no evidence to the contrary, Longevity International (UK) is not involved in consultant lobbying.

Summary of rationale for decision: Longevity International (UK) provides secretariat support, including organisation of events and publications. Longevity International (UK) has provided assurance that it never communicates with a Minister of the Crown or permanent secretary on behalf of the Longevity APPG or any of its members.

Chronology:

6 August 2020	ORCL receives email from a third party that Longevity International (UK) appears to be in violation of rules on consultant lobbying.
7 August 2020	Initial formal letter of enquiry from Registrar emailed to Longevity International (UK), outlining statutory requirements in relation to Register of Consultant Lobbyists and seeking their views on whether their activities as Longevity APPG secretariat amount to consultant lobbying that requires registration.
3 September 2020	Information Notice, from the Registrar, emailed and sent by hard copy to Longevity International following no response to the letter.
4 September 2020	Hard copy of letter returned by Royal Mail 'addressee gone away'.
5 November 2020	ORCL emails further addresses, connected to Longevity, regarding the breach of legislation through failure to respond.
6 November 2020	Longevity International (UK) emails stating that previous communications were not received and confirming that any communication with Ministers or Permanent Secretaries always comes from the Longevity APPG Chair.

9 November 2020	ORCL emails requesting confirmation that Longevity International (UK) never makes any form of communication to Ministers or Permanent Secretaries on behalf of the APPG or any of its members; and to clarify the nature of the services Longevity International (UK) provides to the APPG.
10 November 2020	Longevity International (UK) emails confirmation that it never makes any form of communication to Ministers or Permanent Secretaries on behalf of the APPG or any of its members; and that it is a support provider to the APPG managing the secretariat function, including the organisation of events and publications.