

# Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

## Summary of investigation

27 May – 7 June 2021

**Organisation or person investigated:** Underwoods Solicitors and Law Abroad Limited ('Underwoods')

**Matter(s) investigated:** Whether Underwoods acted as a consultant lobbyist, including, but not limited to, the employment of a Parliamentary Liaison Officer.

**Registrar's decision:** Based on information provided by Underwoods their activities do not fall within the criteria requiring registration on the Register of Consultant Lobbyists.

**Summary of rationale for decision:** This decision is based on comprehensive assurances from Underwoods that at no time has Underwoods Solicitors or Law Abroad Limited communicated personally with Government Ministers or Permanent Secretaries, or equivalents, on behalf of a third party for payment.

### Chronology:

Date	Action
27 May 2021	Registrar sends formal letter to Underwoods giving information on the Act and asking whether they have made any registerable communications, with particular reference to the role of Parliamentary Liaison Officer.
4 June 2021	Email to ORCL from Underwoods giving comprehensive assurance that no registerable communications have been made, and nor are they intended to be made.
7 June 2021	Email from ORCL giving Registrar's final decision.