

# Summary of investigation

April 2024

## Organisation or person investigated

John Baron MP ("Mr Baron")

## Matter(s) investigated

Whether Mr Baron conducted unregistered consultant lobbying

## Registrar's decision

Based on assurances and information provided, Mr Baron has not conducted unregistered consultant lobbying in relation to the matter under investigation.

## Summary of rationale for decision

Under the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014, ("the Act"), a registrable communication is made by a VAT registered company or individual communicating with a Minister, Permanent Secretary (or equivalent) on behalf of a paying client.

Based on substantive written information provided, Mr Baron's role for Baron & Grant Investment Management Limited is solely to Chair the quarterly Investment Committee.

## Chronology

Date	Action
29/03/24	Article in The Guardian regarding potential lobbying activity.
08/04/24	Formal letter from the Registrar to Mr Baron giving background on the requirement for registering and asking if his activities fall within the criteria to be registered with particular reference to, but not limited to, his remunerated role with Baron & Grant Investment Management Limited.
16/04/24	Response from Mr Baron in which he explained the services he provided and the nature of Baron & Grant Investment Management Limited 's business.
18/04/24	Further query from the Registrar.

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Date	Action
18/04/24	Letter from Mr Baron, providing further information and evidence of the extent of his role.
23/04/24	Letter from the Registrar concluding the investigation.

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