

Summary of investigation

February to March 2025

Organisation or person investigated

The Lord Evans of Watford (“Lord Evans”)

Matter(s) investigated

Whether Lord Evans conducted unregistered consultant lobbying

Registrar’s decision

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

Summary of rationale for decision

Based on substantive and unequivocal written information provided, Lord Evans did not receive any payment as an individual, nor through a company, he has therefore not conducted unregistered consultant lobbying in relation to the matter under investigation.

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.

Chronology

Date	Action
25 Feb	Article in The Guardian regarding Lord Evans.
27 Feb	Formal letter from the Registrar to Lord Evans giving background on the requirement for registering and asking if his activities, whether individually or through a company, fall within the criteria to be registered with particular reference to, but not limited to, the communications set out in The Guardian article of 25 February.
19 March	Letter from the Registrar requesting response to letter of 27 February.
19 March	Email from Lord Evans stating he has never asked for money, nor reward, for asking a minister for access.

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24 March	Letter from the Registrar asking about financial relationships and roles with the company, or companies, in relation with any ministerial communications and in particular regarding three events.
24 March	Email from Lord Evans responding fully to the Registrar's questions.
26 March	Email from Registrar's Office requesting written evidence referred to in Lord Evans' email of 24 March.
26 March	Email from Lord Evans providing evidence.
28 March	Letter from the Registrar concluding his investigation.

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