

Summary of investigation

March - May 2025

Organisation or person investigated

The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC ("Lord Dannatt")

Matter(s) investigated

Whether Lord Dannatt conducted unregistered consultant lobbying

Registrar's decision

Based on information and assurances provided, Lord Dannatt 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 Dannatt did not receive payment for the meeting on 27 June 2022, whether as an individual or 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
14 March	Article in The Guardian regarding Lord Dannatt.
19 March	Formal letter from the Registrar to Lord Dannatt giving background on the requirement for registering and asking if activities, whether individually or through a company, fall within the criteria to be registered with particular reference to, but not limited to, two communications.
29 March	Email from Lord Dannatt to the Registrar stating that the first communication pre-dates the Act and giving further information regarding a meeting with a Departments of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy minister on 27 June 2022. Lord Dannatt stated that both communications were unpaid.

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Date	Action
8 April	Letter from the Registrar to Lord Dannatt requesting further information about his or his company's arrangements with Law Fertilisers.
11 April	Email from Lord Dannatt giving further detail including that paid work started subsequent to completion of government engagement.
15 April	Letter from the Registrar to Lord Dannatt requesting further information regarding the contract or terms under which Lord Dannatt's company, Mill House Partners, was paid.
23 April	Email from Lord Dannatt to the Registrar providing detailed information on his relationship with Law Fertilisers and with UK Nitrogen.
29 April	Letter from the Registrar to Lord Dannatt requesting details of invoice dates and the periods and services that they covered.
2 May	Email from Lord Dannatt to the Registrar providing invoice details.
8 May	Letter from the Registrar concluding his investigation.

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