

# Summary of investigation

July to September 2025

## Organisation or person investigated

Labour Infrastructure Forum ("LIF")

## Matter(s) investigated

Whether LIF conducted unregistered consultant lobbying

## Registrar's decision

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

## Summary of rationale for decision

LIF is not registered for VAT and cannot therefore register under the Act.

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   |
|---------------------------|--|
| August 2024 to March 2025 | Emails between Bradshaw Advisory Limited and the Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists regarding LIF as a think tank and compliance with the Act.  |
| 23 July                   | Email from The Times regarding LIF.  |
| 19 August                 | Formal letter from the Registrar to LIF giving background on the requirement for registering and asking if their activities fall within the criteria to be registered with particular reference to, but not limited to, sponsorship deals offered in LIF's Policy and Events Prospectus. |
| 2 Sept                    | Letter from LIF establishing that it is not yet registered for VAT.  |

# Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

| Date    | Action   |
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| 10 Sept | Letter from the Registrar concluding the investigation and providing advice for continued compliance with the Act. |

10 September 2025

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