

# Summary of investigation - Chamber Group

December 2025 to February 2026

## Organisation or person investigated

Chamber Group

## Matter(s) investigated

Whether Chamber Group conducted unregistered consultant lobbying.

## Registrar's decision

Based on information and advice provided, Chamber Group 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.

Chamber Group have provided assurances that they do not receive payment for any activities that are registrable under the Act nor, specifically, were any meetings with ministers arranged on behalf of EC Strategies.

## Chronology

Date	Action
17 December 2025	Letter to the Registrar and online <a href="#">material</a> describing potentially unregistered lobbying by Chamber Group.
6 January 2026	Letter from the Registrar to Ben Howlett at Chamber Group giving background on the requirement for registering and asking if the activities of Chamber Group fall within the criteria to be registered with particular reference to, but not limited to, any meetings or communications undertaken

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Date	Action
	on behalf of EC Strategies.
19 January	Email from Ben Howlett stating that internal processes had been reviewed and providing assurances that Chamber Group does not undertake activities that meet the criteria in the Act.
28 January	Follow up letter from Registrar asking specifically about meetings with ministers on behalf of EC Strategies.
10 February	Email from Chamber Group providing assurances that no meetings were arranged with ministers on behalf of EC Strategies, and that conversations with ministers involved no advocacy or representation on behalf of any client.
20 February	Letter from the Registrar concluding the investigation and providing advice on compliance.

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