

To: [Committee, FPA \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: RE: F&PA - Lobbyist - Hansard Corrections & QoNs
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Attachments: [OECD-draft-revised-Recommendation-of-the-Council-on-Transparency-and-Integrity-in-Lobbying-and-Influence.pdf](#)
[Cooling off periods regulating the revolving door 2015.pdf](#)
[Canada_policy_Nov202023.pdf](#)
[Chile_policy_Nov202023.pdf](#)
[Ireland_policy_Nov202023.pdf](#)
[Scotland_policy_nov202023.pdf](#)
[Chile_policy_nov202023.pdf](#)

Dear Patrick,

Many thanks again to the committee for the opportunity to contribute. Please find attached the relevant documents regarding the questions I took on notice:

- Best practice examples of addressing conflicts of interest concerning the revolving door (cooling off periods document). See in particular the table (pp7-10).
- OECD draft revised recommendations for lobbying transparency (all recommendations are very good, however section 3 is likely most relevant to this inquiry).
- Table 1 in our paper Lobbying by Omission (<https://academic.oup.com/heapro/article/38/5/daad134/7326506>) lists the breadth of information that is disclosed in lobbyist registers internationally and benchmarks Australian practice – this is probably a our best sense check of current practice (at the federal and state/territory level) and sets out what could be done to improve our current lobbying regime.
- Likewise, Box 5 in our paper about the Queensland lobbyist register (<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2024/220/2/baby-steps-lobbying-reform-opportunities-and-challenges-queensland>) highlights best practice examples for contact logs, in particular the details provided about the purpose of meetings.
- Legislation for Canada, Ireland, Chile and Scotland (including an English translation of Chile's via google translate).
- Also, in terms of a well-designed public-facing register, Ireland (<https://www.lobbying.ie/>) and Canada (<https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/app/secure/ocl/lrs/do/guest?lang=engare>) good examples, and Ireland in particular has excellent layman explanations of lobbying that make it easy to understand what is and is not considered lobbying in their legislations.
- Lastly, in terms of open data and linking with other datasets, the Open Access site by Transparency International in the UK has done an excellent job developing a dashboard to make its ministerial diaries accessible. Developing something similar in the Australian context is a core stream of my research, and should this be of interest I'm very happy to advise.

I hope this is helpful, and please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support.

Best

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