

## Scottish Parliament Lobbying Register - Familiarisation Period Open

As you may be aware, it was recently announced that the [Lobbying \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) will be fully commenced on 12 March 2018.

Today (23 October) marks the beginning of a four month familiarisation period to allow people to use and explore the new register website that has been developed in preparation for the Act coming into force.

Passed in 2016, the Act states that certain face-to-face meetings with MSPs or the Scottish Government's Ministers, Special Advisers or Permanent Secretary need to be registered on the new [Scottish Lobbying Register](#) website.

The Register website will allow users to practice registering on the system and creating information returns before the full commencement date next year. Guidance on helping you decide whether you may need to register your organisation and how to use the system can be found on the [Help](#) page of the new website.