



Annual Report and Service Plan

2025/26

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office of the registrar of lobbyists
BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHO WE ARE

The Registrar of Lobbyists is an independent Officer of the Legislature who oversees, monitors, and enforces the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA). The LTA requires individuals and organizations who meet specific criteria to register their lobbying activities in an online public Registry.

The goal of the LTA is to promote transparency in lobbying and government decision-making.

Michael Harvey, Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia, is designated as Registrar of Lobbyists for BC.

The Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists for BC respectfully acknowledges that its offices are located on the traditional territory of the ləkʷəŋən People, the Songhees and xʷsepsəm (Esquimalt) First Nations.

As an Officer of the Legislature, the work of the Commissioner spans across British Columbia, and the ORL acknowledges the territories of First Nations around BC and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands.



June 2026

The Honourable Raj Chouhan
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 207, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Speaker,

In accordance with s. 9.1 of the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*, I have the honour of presenting the office's Annual Report for the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists to the Legislative Assembly.

This report covers the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Harvey
*Information and Privacy Commissioner
and Registrar of Lobbyists for British Columbia*



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REGISTRAR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the 2025/26 Annual Report and Service Plan for the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists (ORL).

Last spring, as part of our strategic planning process, I had the privilege of discussing lobbying transparency with people in seven cities across British Columbia. I wanted to know whether people who might be lobbying understood their reporting obligations under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA), what barriers to registration they were facing, and how my office could help.

What I heard was that some people weren't aware of the Act or their obligations under it. Others knew about the LTA and its transparency purpose but want registration processes to be simple and clear.

That feedback helped shape the two priorities of our *2025/26 – 2027/28 Strategic Plan, Building Trust Through Transparency*: raising awareness of the Act, and providing agile oversight through simplified compliance processes, responsive enforcement, and tailored education.

Those priorities reaffirm my office's focus on education first and the importance of making obligations clear and compliance straightforward.

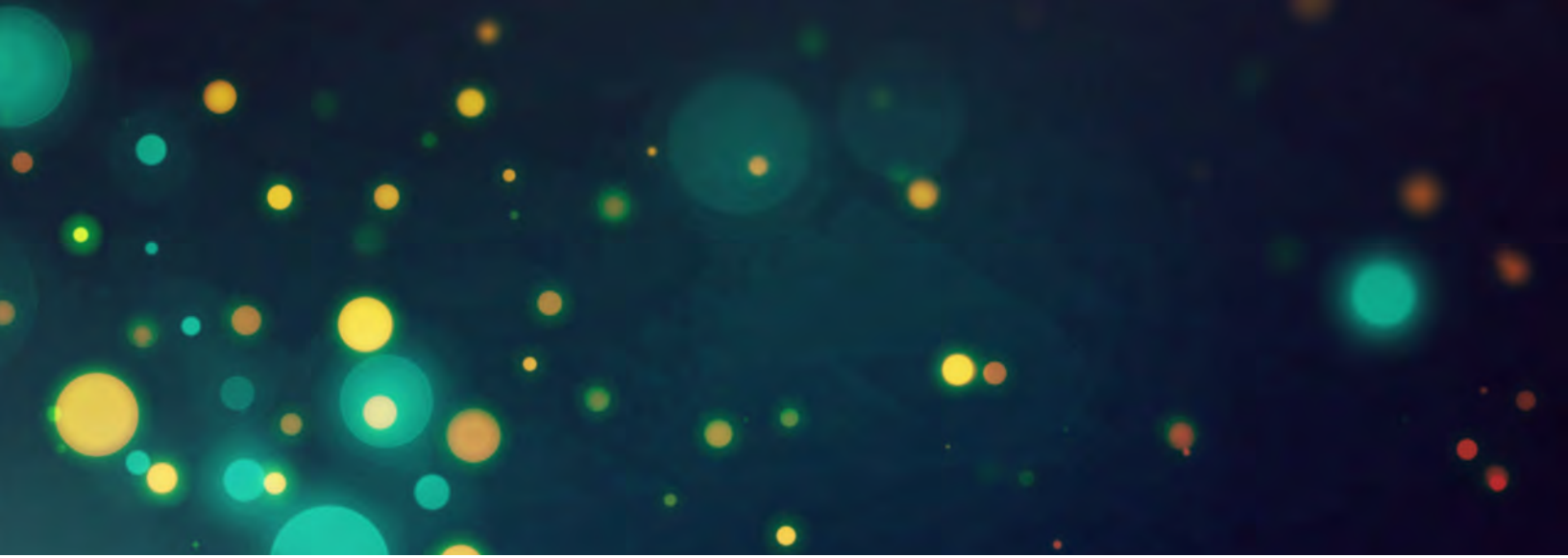
In keeping with our education-first approach, ORL staff prepared lobbyists for amendments to registration under the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, which came into force in May. ORL staff released updated guidance documents and infographics on the day the amendments came into force, as well as a special edition of *Influencing BC* that highlighted the changes.

It's about more than administrative efficiency: when lobbyists understand their obligations and can register their activities with confidence, the quality of the information in the Registry improves, and the transparency aims of the LTA are better served.

In December, I appeared before a Special Committee of the Legislature struck to conduct the first statutory review of the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*. I submitted five recommendations that reflected our commitment to a simpler, more transparent lobbying oversight regime.

Two recommendations were aimed at enhancing transparency: requiring disclosure by board members of interests in lobbying activity and specifying the type of communication used when lobbying. The other three recommendations aimed to make the Act easier to understand and administer: clarifying the definition of "provincial entity," giving the Registrar authority to issue advisory opinions and interpretative bulletins, and ensuring in law that the Registrar is consulted before LTA amendments are introduced.

Those recommendations and our broader commitment to straightforward compliance take on added importance as demands on our office and the number of Registry reports continue to grow. In the period covered, lobbyists completed 8,479 lobbying activity



reports, up from 6,353 the previous year, and ORL staff responded to 1,557 requests for information, and conducted 1,165 reviews of registration, 480 of which required corrections. Only four Determination Decisions, findings of non-compliance with fines levied, were issued during this period, reflecting the ORL's commitment to leading with education.

I want to thank the ORL team for their dedication throughout a demanding year. It is through their daily work of answering questions, maintaining the Registry, conducting investigations, developing guidance and holding public education sessions that we are able to deliver on our mandate under the Act and support lobbying transparency across this province.

During this, my second year as BC's Registrar of Lobbyists, I have been struck by the esteem in which BC's lobbying regime is held by our peers across Canada and beyond, who consistently point to the LTA as a leading statute. It's my belief that by raising awareness of the Act, leading with education, and keeping the focus on simplicity, we will best serve lobbyists, public officials, and citizens alike.



Michael Harvey
Registrar of Lobbyists



MANDATE

The mandate of the Registrar of Lobbyists is to:

- promote awareness among lobbyists of registration requirements;
- promote awareness among the public of the existence of the Lobbyists Registry;
- manage the Registry and registrations submitted to it; and
- monitor and enforce compliance with the LTA.

A dedicated staff, committed to service

Sixty-four people worked at the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in 2025/26, including four dedicated staff at the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists and additional staff that work for both offices. They were supported by the Corporate Shared Services team responsible for providing finance, HR, IT, and facilities management to the office and to the three other Officers of the Legislature: the Office of the Merit Commissioner, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner, and the Office of the Ombudsperson.

OIPC/ORL staff recognize they are part of a wider community. They take pride in, and have long supported, community causes. This includes the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund, as well as other local causes. Staff were recognized for their contributions to the 2025 PECSF campaign with the Highest Participation Award - an award won, and held, by the office since 2013, highlighting the staff's commitment to community support and engagement.

HOW WE WORK

The Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists for British Columbia (ORL) addresses concerns about the integrity of government decision-making by providing a public record of who is attempting to influence government decisions. The ORL manages compliance through many strategies, including education and outreach to lobbyists and public office holders, verification of registration information, public reporting, compliance reviews, investigations, and administrative penalties for non-compliance.

WHO WE SERVE

Under the LTA, the ORL serves:

1. the public;
2. the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia; and
3. BC lobbyists and public office holders.

OUR TEAM

Staff at the ORL are delegated by the Registrar to carry out the responsibilities and powers of the Registrar under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA).

Registrar

The Registrar manages the Lobbyists Registry and promotes compliance through education for lobbyists and the public.

The Registrar also has the legal authority to investigate potential non-compliance with the LTA, issue administrative penalties, submit reports of non-compliance, including reports of Reconsideration, to the Legislative Assembly to ensure compliance with BC's lobbyist legislation.

Deputy Registrar

The Deputy Registrar oversees the teams that carry out the Registrar's authorities to maintain the Registry, carry out education, and conduct enforcement. The Deputy Registrar provides strategic advice to the Registrar and administers finance and human resource functions as delegated by the Registrar.

Legal

The legal team delivers comprehensive legal advice and guidance to the Registrar and staff on current and emerging matters relating to lobbying, as well as on matters relating to administrative law, common law, and constitutional law.

Communications

The communications team publicizes the work of the office, and coordinates public education opportunities to inform people in BC about lobbying. The ORL's website, media relations, newsletter, and event planning all fall under this department's oversight.

Executive support

The executive support team assists the Registrar, Deputy Registrar, and ORL team with scheduling, organizing, and maintaining office facilities, and other administrative tasks as required.

Investigation

The investigations team decides whether to investigate potential matters of non-compliance. Compliance investigations are assigned to an investigator who reviews the facts and gives the lobbyist an opportunity to be heard before determining whether there has been a contravention, or contraventions, of the LTA.

If non-compliance is found, an administrative penalty may be issued. Administrative penalties can be monetary penalties or a penalty prohibiting lobbying. Decisions are published on the ORL website and tabled with the Legislative Assembly.

Policy

ORL policy staff conduct research and analysis of current and emerging lobbying issues and develop education, outreach, and guidance documents to educate the public and relevant stakeholders about the LTA. This includes legislative review work and recommending courses of action that promote transparency in lobbying.

Registry and compliance

ORL Registry staff are the first point of contact for lobbyists, as well as members of the public, public office holders and other stakeholders who have questions regarding the LTA. They provide information and guidance to support compliance, review registrations submitted to the Lobbyists Registry, and identify potential instances of non-compliance. Registry staff have delegated authority to make decisions regarding the verification of information provided in a registration, accept a registration or refuse one that does not comply with the LTA, and remove a registrant who fails to comply with the LTA.

Registry staff also scan the Registry for those who may have inaccurate information in their registrations, and media, websites, and press releases to identify those who may be lobbying without registering. Staff contact lobbyists to clarify information in the Lobbyists Registry or to inquire about whether registration is required. An investigation may be initiated to determine if a lobbyist has complied with the LTA.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Information and Privacy Commissioner is designated the Registrar of Lobbyists for the purposes of the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA). See <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/reports/budget-annual-report-service-plan/> for the 2025/26 Annual Report and Service Plan for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Select publications, speaking engagements, and events

MAY

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (April 2025)

15 Determination Decision 25-06 issued: British Columbia Nurses' Union

27 *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, comes into force

27 ORL publishes guidance: *Sample Questionnaire for Consultant Lobbyists' Clients, Sample Questionnaire for Organizations that are Lobbying, Registration Returns – New and Reactivations, Monthly Returns – Registration Return Updates and Lobbying Activity Reports, BC Lobbyists Registry User Guide: Funding Returns guidance*

JULY

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (June 2025)

9 Registrar provides briefing on ORL and lobbying in BC to the Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act

APRIL

1 ORL publishes *Who's Lobbying Who*, monthly summaries of lobbying activities submitted and activated (March 2025)

3 Registrar Michael Harvey announces seven-city public consultation tour to identify strategic priorities

10 Determination Decision 25-05 issued: Intuitive Surgical Canada, Inc.

15 Reconsideration Decision 24-03 issued: Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association

24 ORL publishes Volume 15, Issue 1 of *Influencing BC*

JUNE

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (May 2025)

2 Reconsideration Decision 25-04 issued: The Truck Loggers Association

25 ORL publishes Annual Report and Service Plan 2024/25

SEPTEMBER

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (August 2025)

15 Exemption Decision 25-01 issued: Lindsay Matthews (British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.)

29 Annual conference of the Lobbyists Registrars and Commissioners Network (LRCN) in Saint Andrews, New Brunswick

OCTOBER

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (September 2025)

6 ORL releases three-year strategic plan, *Building trust through transparency*

20 ORL publishes Volume 15, Issue 2 of *Influencing BC*

NOVEMBER

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (October 2025)

4 ORL submits report, *Recommendations to the Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act*

DECEMBER

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (November 2025)

10 Registrar delivers speech to the Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act

10 Deputy Registrar oline Twiss participates in a COGEL panel about reaching lobbyists who are unaware of lobbying legislations

JANUARY

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (December 2025)

FEBRUARY

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (January 2026)

MARCH

1 *Who's Lobbying Who* (February 2026)

16 ORL staff present on BC's lobbying regime to a government relations class at Seneca Polytechnic in Toronto

28 Registrar attends OECD Meeting of Lobbying Commissioners, Registrars and Oversight Entities, on the margins of the Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum in Paris

Monthly summaries of *Who's Lobbying Who*: <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/the-registry/whos-lobbying-who/>

ORL guidance documents, *Influencing BC*, and other resources: <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/resources/guidance-documents/>

Reports of non-compliance, reconsideration reports, and exemption decisions: <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/decisions/>



BUILDING TRUST THROUGH TRANSPARENCY

Three-year strategic plan aims to raise awareness, streamline processes

British Columbia's lobbying laws are among the best in North America, providing transparency and accountability about attempts to influence government decision-making.

However, this crucial pillar of trust in our democracy depends on people knowing about and complying with their registration requirements under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA). Without broad compliance, BC's Lobbyists Registry presents an incomplete picture of lobbying in the province and cannot fully deliver on its transparency aims.

During an extensive public consultation process to develop the ORL's strategic plan, BC's Registrar of Lobbyists Michael Harvey learned that many organizations were either unaware of the LTA or its requirements or found compliance overly complex. The consultation included eight in-person sessions across seven

regions in BC, internal engagement with ORL staff, and written submissions.

Released in October, the ORL's *Strategic Plan, 2025/26-28: Building trust through transparency* aims to address these concerns through two strategic priorities: raising awareness of the LTA and what activities are considered lobbying in BC; and agile oversight to make registration in the Lobbyists Registry more straightforward.

The first priority recognizes the need to raise awareness among lobbyists of the LTA and their obligations under the Act. "While awareness has been growing over the years, it is not uncommon for us to encounter organizations that are not aware of the existence of the LTA, that do not think that they are lobbying, or that do not understand what activities of theirs constitute lobbying,"

said Registrar Harvey. To address this, the ORL has set three goals: to raise awareness of the ORL and LTA among unregistered lobbyists; to also raise awareness among public office holders, so that they can better direct potential lobbyists toward compliance; and to make Registry information more accessible to the public.

The second priority recognizes that the transparency and accountability aim of the LTA are best served when compliance with the Act is straightforward and does not pose unnecessary barriers. To that end, the ORL will focus on improving compliance through simplifying and clarifying registration processes; being responsive in enforcement – recognizing and responding to different needs to best serve all members of BC's lobbying community; and improving compliance through effective and efficient guidance and public education.

Download

Full report: *Strategic Plan, 2025/26-28: Building trust through transparency*
Priorities at a glance



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM

*ORL makes recommendations to Special Committee
Reviewing the Lobbyists Transparency Act*

On April 30, 2025, the Legislative Assembly appointed a Special Committee to review the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*, the first mandated review of the Act since it was amended in 2018. On July 9, 2025, the Registrar briefed the Committee on the Act and the role of the Registrar of Lobbyists.

The Registrar also made five recommendations to the Special Committee in its submission on December 10, 2025 to support simplicity, compliance, and ultimately transparency in lobbying:

1. Introduce a provision under section 4(1) that requires a Designated Filer to disclose whether members of their organization's or client's board of directors/governing body are employed by/have a membership/interest with external organizations that have a direct interest in the lobbying activity of the organization.
2. Provide clarity in the type of communication used for lobbying (e.g. letter, meeting, social media).
3. Establish and maintain in the LTA a schedule of Provincial Entities that is applicable for section 3(a) of the regulation to the LTA.
4. Introduce a provision that provides the Registrar with authorities to issue advisory opinions and interpretation bulletins with respect to the interpretation and application of the LTA and regulation.
5. Introduce a provision that requires the Ministry responsible for the LTA to consult with the Registrar prior to introducing legislative or regulatory amendments.

The Special Committee was scheduled to release its report by May 4, 2026.

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Recommendations to the Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act

Website: Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act

STREAMLINED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

ORL educates lobbyists on LTA amendments

On May 27, 2025, amendments to the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA) came into force. The changes, introduced by government under the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, streamline reporting requirements and address concerns identified by non-profit organizations about the administrative burden of LTA reporting requirements.

Key changes included:

- **Government funding reporting:** The obligation to report *requested* government funding was removed; the deadline for reporting *received* government funding was extended to three months plus 15 days (previously monthly).
- **Working together for the purpose of lobbying:** Requirements for reporting collaborative, or coalition, lobbying were clarified, requiring the identification of others working on the same lobbying effort.
- **When filing obligations end:** Designated filers now have 30 days after the month lobbying stops to end their registration in the Registry.

ORL staff readied lobbyists for the coming into force of the amendments by creating updated and new guidance documents, infographics, and user guides.

Staff also published an amendments edition of the ORL's e-newsletter, *Influencing BC*, and provided updates to the online Lobbyists Registry and ORL website.

The ORL encourages lobbyists to contact the office with any questions about lobbying, including ending lobbying efforts.

Download

What do the amendments in the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, mean for my lobbying registration?

Working Together for the Purpose of Lobbying

Non-Profit Organizations

YEAR IN NUMBERS



Compliance Statistics 2025/26

Compliance Reviews

Outstanding from 2024/25 fiscal year	10
New for 2025/26 fiscal year	1155
Total Reviews	1165
Information confirmed correct	13
Corrections required	480
Refuse to investigate (warning email sent as matter minor or trivial)	664
Refuse to investigate (compliance by education pilot*)	3
Led to investigation	2
Ongoing at end of 2025/26 fiscal year	3

Investigations

Outstanding from 2024/25 fiscal year	11
New for 2025/26 fiscal year	2
Reconsiderations	3
Total Investigations	13
Refuse/cease to investigate (compliance by education pilot*)	5
Cease to investigate	2
Compliant with Act	1
Non-compliant with Act (no penalty)	0
Non-compliant with Act (administrative penalty imposed)	4
Ongoing at end of 2025/26 fiscal year	1

Exemption Decisions

New for 2025/26 fiscal year	2
Ongoing at end of 2025/26 fiscal year	1

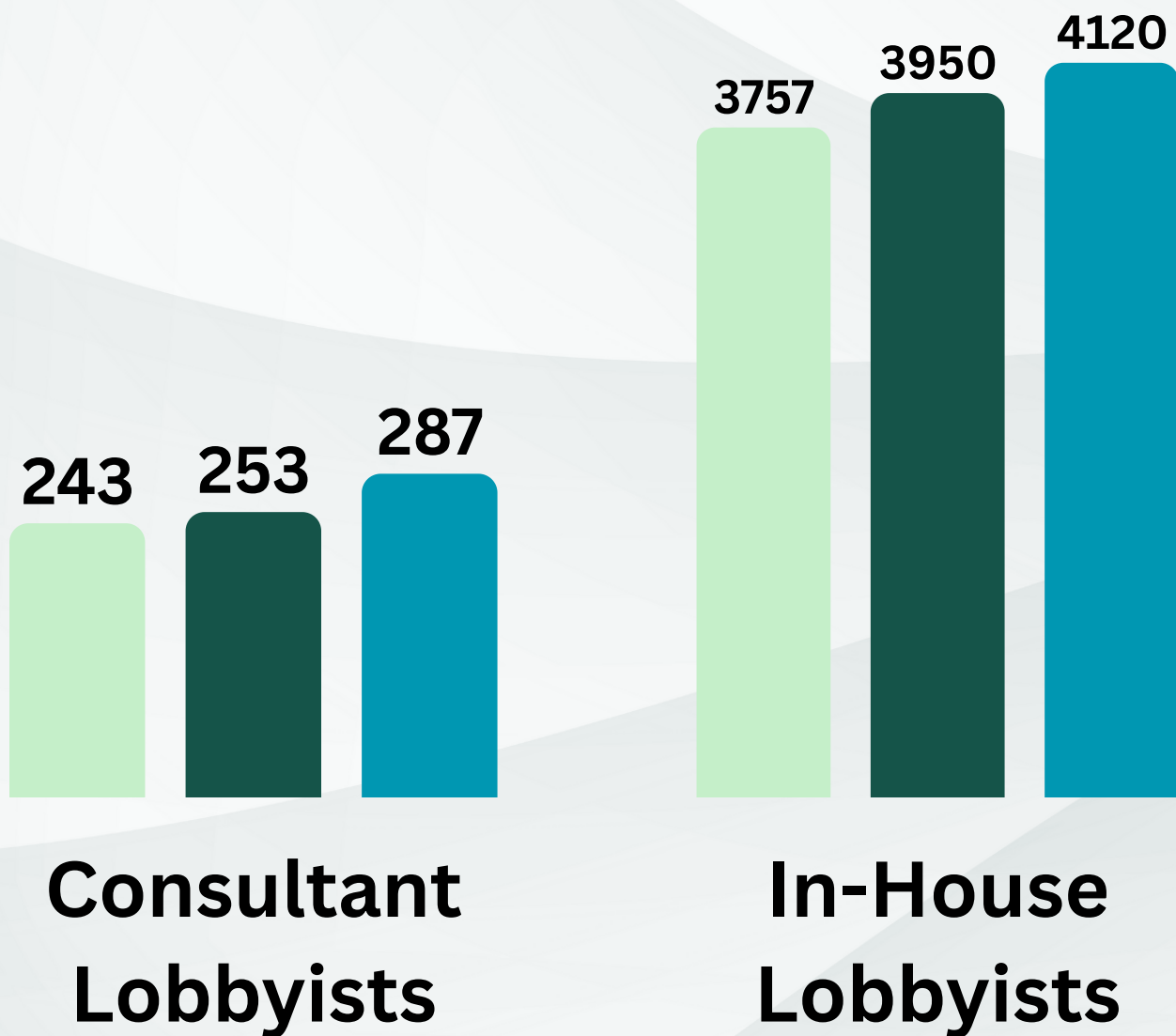
Requests for Information

2025/26 fiscal year	1557
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* In December 2025 the ORL began a pilot compliance by education pathway, applicable to certain contraventions

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Active Lobbyists



2023-24



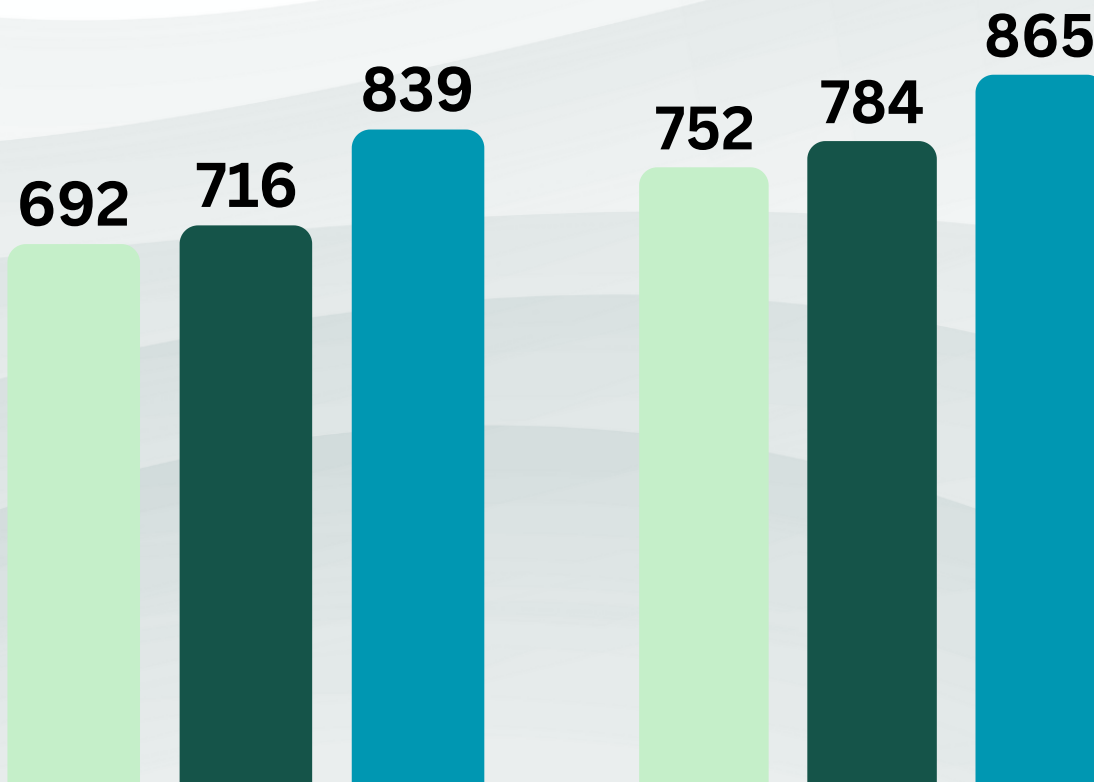
2024-25



2025-26



Active Registrations



**Consultant
Lobbyist
Registrations**

**Organization
Registrations**



2023-24



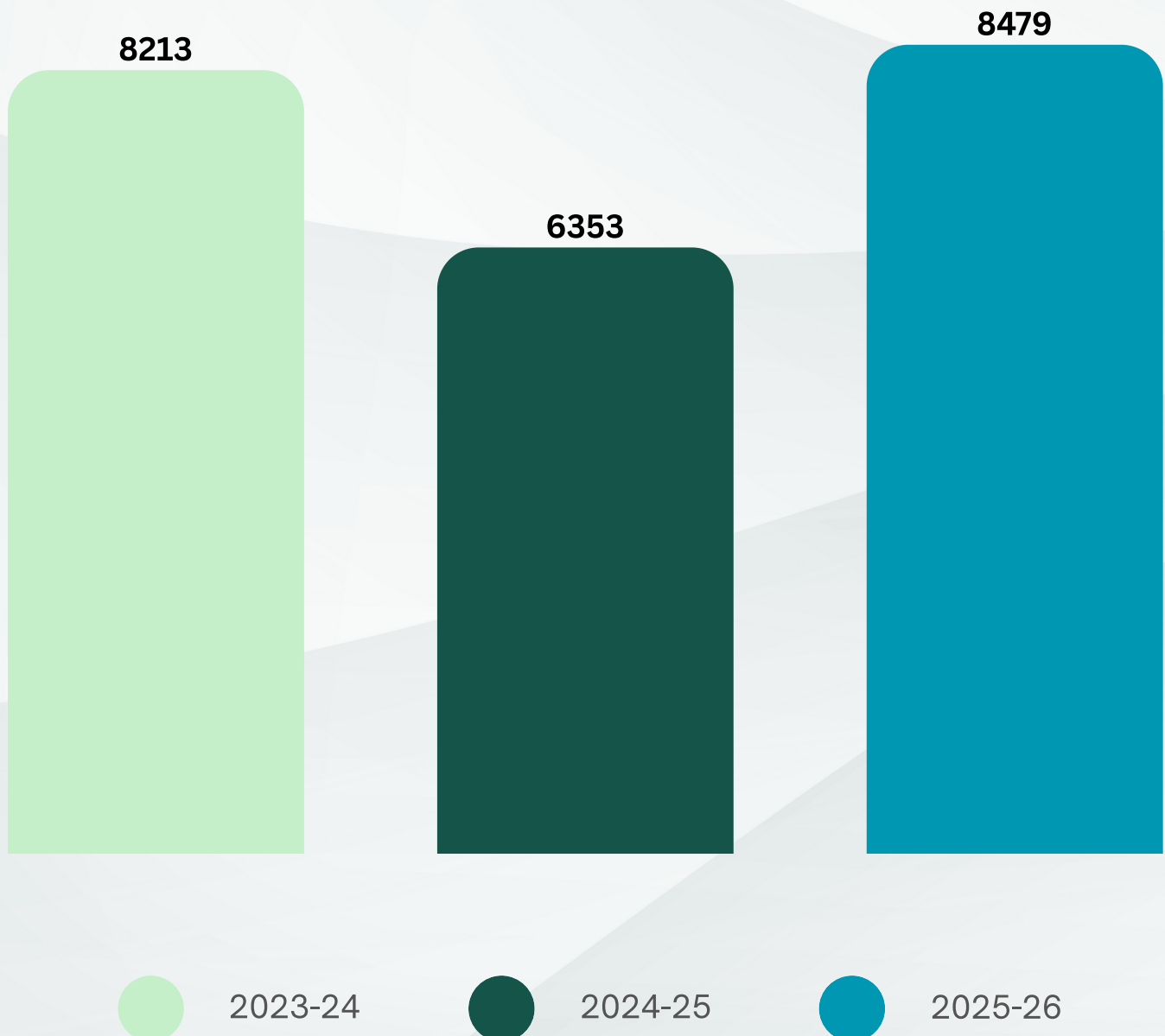
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2025-26

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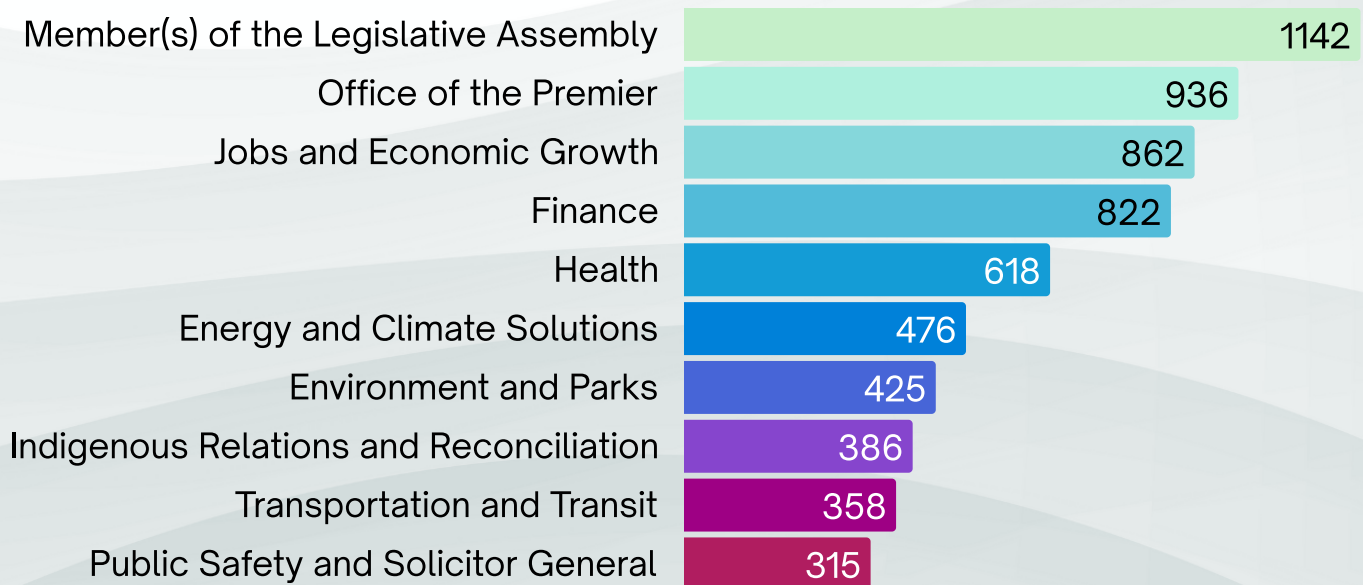
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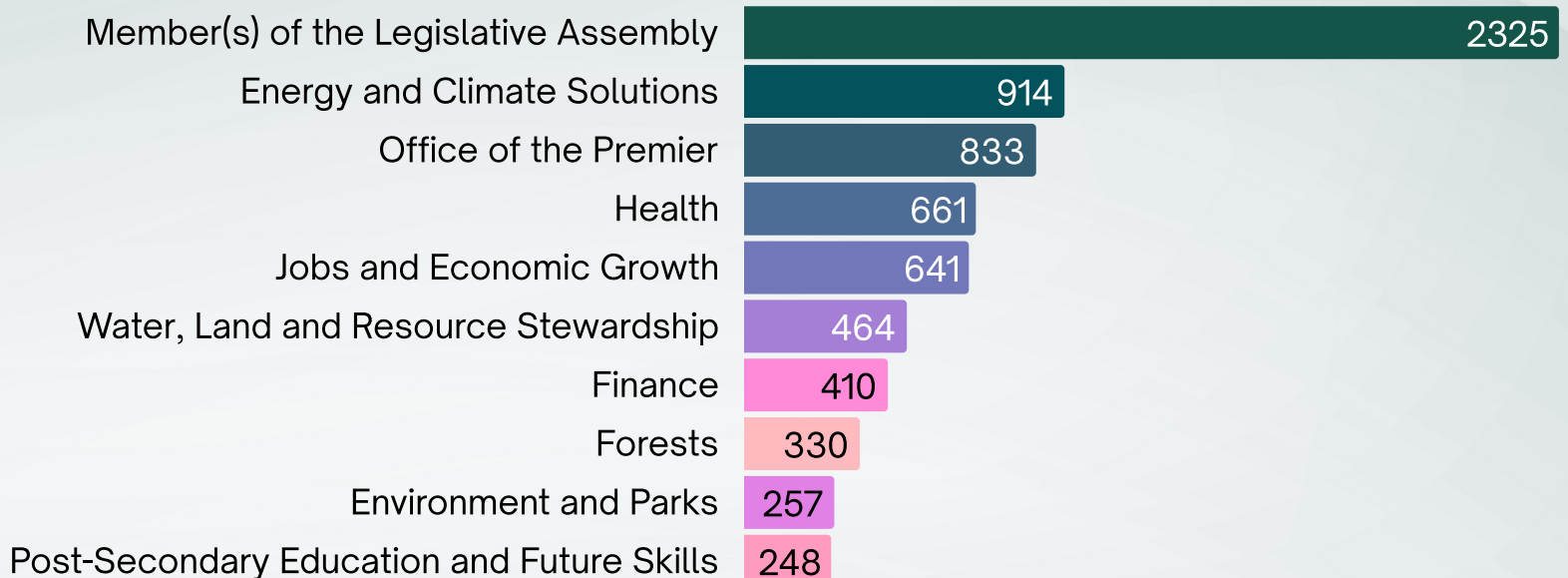


Top 10 Lobbying Targets, 2025/26

Registration Returns



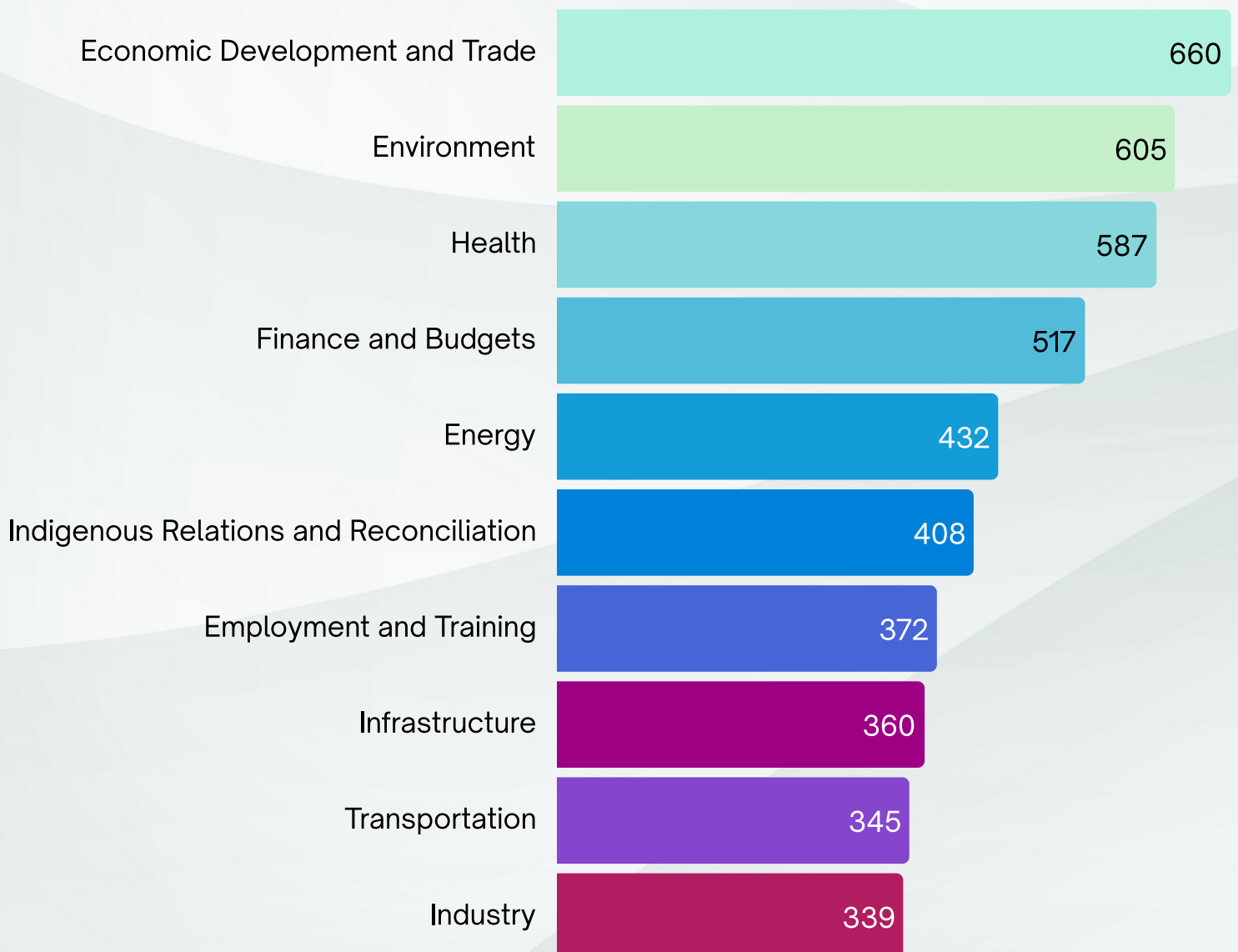
Lobbying Activity Reports



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Top 10 Subject Matters, 2025/26

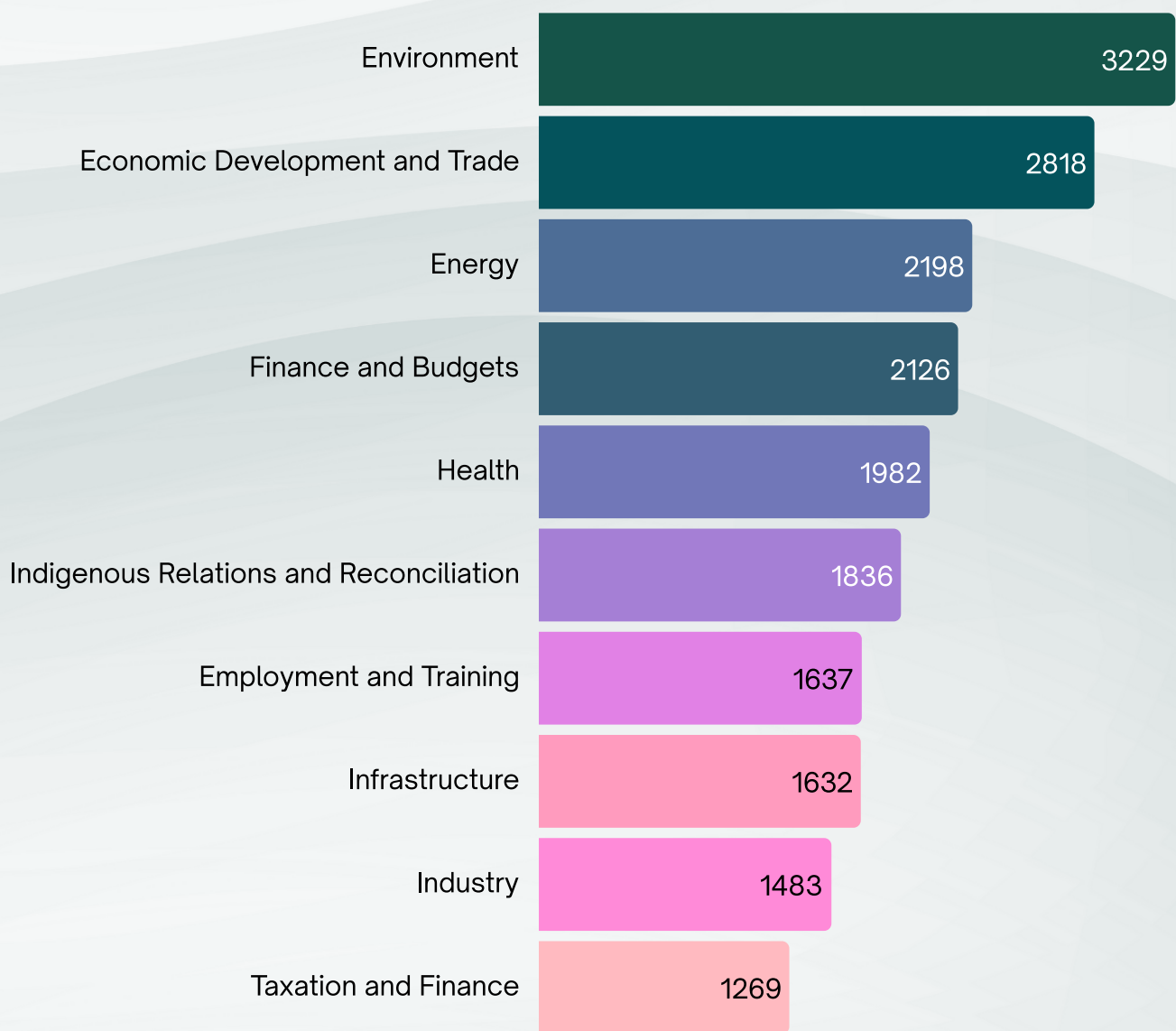
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Top 10 Subject Matters, 2025/26

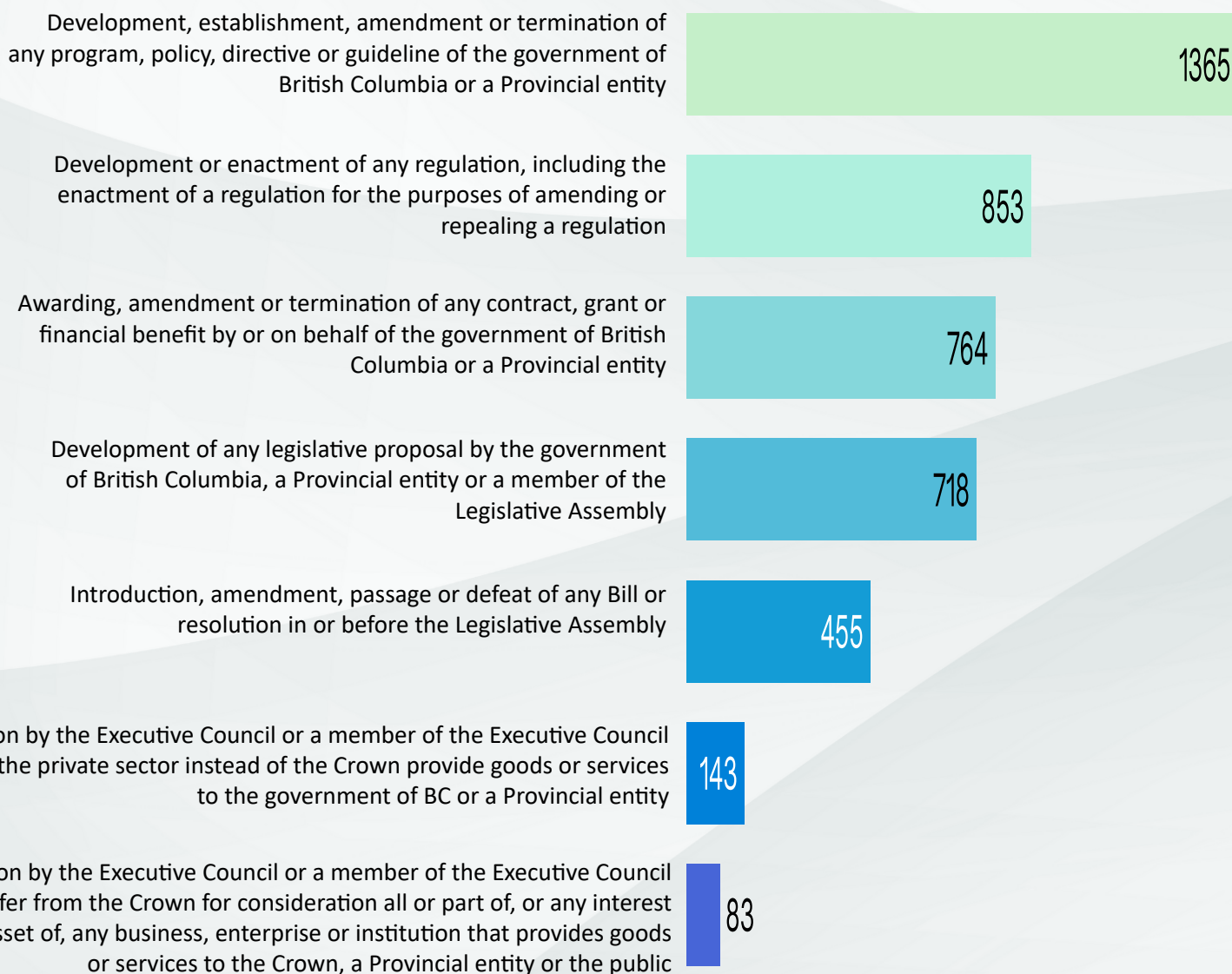
Lobbying Activity Reports



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Top Intended Outcomes of Lobbyists, 2025/26

Registration Returns





Top Intended Outcomes of Lobbyists, 2025/26

Lobbying Activity Reports

Development, establishment, amendment or termination of any program, policy, directive or guideline of the government of British Columbia or a Provincial entity	6885
Development or enactment of any regulation, including the enactment of a regulation for the purposes of amending or repealing a regulation	3996
Development of any legislative proposal by the government of British Columbia, a Provincial entity or a member of the Legislative Assembly	3360
Awarding, amendment or termination of any contract, grant or financial benefit by or on behalf of the government of British Columbia or a Provincial entity	2491
Introduction, amendment, passage or defeat of any Bill or resolution in or before the Legislative Assembly	2150
Decision by the Executive Council or a member of the Executive Council to have the private sector instead of the Crown provide goods or services to the government of BC or a Provincial entity	517
Decision by the Executive Council or a member of the Executive Council to transfer from the Crown for consideration all or part of, or any interest in or asset of, any business, enterprise or institution that provides goods or services to the Crown, a Provincial entity or the public	371

SERVICE PLAN





SERVICE PLAN GOAL 1

Maintain and improve the Lobbyists Registry

Section 7 of the LTA authorizes the Registrar to maintain a registry of lobbying activities in BC. The Lobbyists Registry is published online and is searchable for lobbyists and the public.

The ORL is dedicated to improving the Registry by identifying and implementing improvements and updates in an ongoing manner. The aim is to make the Registry more user-friendly for lobbyists and easy for the public to search. A variety of users conduct searches of the Registry, including lobbyists, media, public office holders and their staff, and individuals and organizations that are seeking information about lobbying happening in their sector.

Improvements are identified by ORL staff as the system is administered, by receiving input and comments from lobbyists and the public, or required by legislative changes. Recent enhancements to the Registry include:

- Removed requirement to declare requested government funding
- Government funding received updates deadline extended to 3 months
- Clarifications on existing filing requirements, including lobbyists, clients and organizations working together for the purpose of lobbying
- Clarification on existing filing requirements regarding when and how filing obligations end were also updated in the Registry. Specifically, when a consultant lobbyist or an organization ceases lobbying, the Designated Filer has 30 days after the month in which lobbying stops to end their Registration Return in the Lobbyists Registry. To do so, they must submit any outstanding information that otherwise would have been submitted in a Monthly Return or any outstanding information on received government funding up to the date the lobbying ceased
- Funding Return improvement: Copy Registration Feature for consultant lobbyists now includes funding records (before “copy registration feature” did not include funding records).

The strategies outlined remain relevant to the ORL and have been maintained.

Strategies

- Manage and keep current the Lobbyists Registry by identifying and implementing updates and improvements that support users, including simplifying data entry requirements for lobbyists and providing more user-friendly access for the public; and
- Maintain the Registry and its availability to lobbyists and the public every day of the year

Performance Measure	2025/26		26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30
	Target	Actual	Target	Target	Target	Target
1 Number of improvements to the Lobbyists Registry	5	5	5	5	5	5
2 Number of days the Lobbyists Registry is available online to lobbyists and the public	365	364.5	365	366*	365	365

* This target has been updated to reflect there are 366 days in 2027/28.

SERVICE PLAN GOAL 2

Educate lobbyists, public office holders, and the public about the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*

Section 9.4 of the LTA grants the Registrar the authority to “develop and conduct public education and information designed to promote awareness and understanding of this Act.” ORL education aims to assist lobbyists and the public in understanding the registration requirements under the LTA and what information is available to the public via the Lobbyists Registry. ORL education and outreach has led to a greater awareness of the rules for lobbyists in British Columbia among lobbyists, public office holders, and the public.

In 2025/26 the Registrar published two issues of the *Influencing BC* newsletter, shown in Performance Measure 3. *Influencing BC* continues to feature information about updates to the Registry, enforcement actions and other topics relevant to transparency in lobbying. *Who’s Lobbying Who*, the ORL publication listing active lobbying in the past month, was published monthly as planned as shown in Performance Measure 4.

In 2025/26 the Registrar also published fourteen new or updated guidance documents to ensure that guidance materials are responsive to the questions that are being asked of ORL staff, shown in Performance Measure 5. New and updated guidance focused on the impact of the amendments that came into force on May 27, 2025 on lobbyists.

All guidance documents can be viewed on the ORL website.

In 2025/26 the Registrar and ORL staff conducted nine speaking engagements to support ongoing education relating to the responsibilities of lobbyists under the LTA.

The strategies for Goal 2 remain relevant and have been maintained.



Strategies

- Update and implement a communications plan to support the education plan for lobbyists, stakeholders, and the public;
- Continue publishing and circulating *Influencing BC* (the ORL's online newsletter) and monthly summaries of registered lobbying activities in the province;
- Manage and keep current the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists website; and
- Raise awareness about the LTA among lobbyists, public office holders, and the general public, including through speaking engagements and developing guidance documents.

Performance Measure	2025/26		26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30
	Target	Actual	Target	Target	Target	Target
3 Issues of <i>Influencing BC</i> published	2	2	2	2	2	2
4 Issues of <i>Who's Lobbying Who</i> published	12	12	12	12	12	12
5 Number of new or revised guidance documents to raise awareness about the LTA	10	14	10	10	10	10
6 Number of speaking engagements to raise awareness about the LTA	5	9	5	5	5	5

SERVICE PLAN GOAL 3

Enhance the enforcement function under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*

Section 7.1 of the LTA authorizes the Registrar to investigate potential non-compliance under the LTA and s. 7.2 authorizes the Registrar to hold a hearing and issue an administrative penalty in cases where it is determined that there was non-compliance. The ORL also uses informal measures to resolve potential matters of non-compliance whenever they are appropriate and effective.

In fiscal 2025/26 the ORL received 98 percent of registrations on-time as shown in Performance Measure 7. ORL staff continue to prioritize education and outreach that supports lobbyists in registering their lobbying activities on-time. In future years, Performance Measure 11 has been added to provide further information on lobbyist compliance in registering Lobbying Activity Report on time.

The office conducted 1165 verifications of information in the Lobbyists Registry, just under the target shown in Performance Measure 8. Information verifications have become a primary tool for Registry staff to raise awareness about the obligations of lobbyists relating to the Lobbyists Registry and to support lobbyists in complying with the LTA. Verifications can be triggered by a Registry Officer's review of information submitted in the Lobbyists Registry, by scanning media reports or via information received from the public. Their utility is expected to continue to support the accuracy of information in the Registry, so performance targets for verifications of information will continue to be 1500 in coming years.

The ORL published four reports of decisions of non-compliance under the LTA in 2025/26 as indicated in Performance Measure 9. The focus of the ORL in 2025/26 continued to be raising awareness about obligations under the LTA and compliance determinations were initiated as appropriate. All reports of non-compliance can be viewed on the ORL website. In future years, Performance Measure 9 has been updated to better reflect the number of investigations resulting in determination decisions over the past two years. The ORL is considering adding a new Performance Measure related to the number of investigations resolved via complication by education. This decision will be made after the pilot concludes later in 2026.

In 2025/26 one exemption decision was made by the Registrar in response to a former public office holder seeking an exemption from the two-year lobbying prohibition, shown in Performance Measure 10. Exemption requests may be submitted to the Registrar from any lobbyist that is subject to the two-year cooling-off period for former public office holders. The LTA grants the Registrar the authority to exempt a former public office holder from the two-year prohibition if the Registrar determines it is in the "public interest." All exemption decisions can be viewed on the ORL website.

Strategies

- Analyze publicly available information sources to identify government priorities, organization priorities, and possible unregistered lobbying;
- Conduct verifications of information in the Lobbyists Registry to identify potential contraventions that proceed to formal investigation; and
- Monitor for potential non-compliance and initiate investigations and make compliance determinations as appropriate.

Performance Measure		2025/26		26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30
		Target	Actual	Target	Target	Target	Target
7	Percentage of on-time registrations	95%	98%	95%	95%	95%	95%
8	Number of verifications of information in registry	1500	1165	1500	1500	1500	1500
9	Number of investigations resulting in determination decisions*	10	4	10	5	5	5
10	Number of exemption decisions	2	1	2	2	2	2
11	Percentage of on-time Lobbying Activity Reports	N/A	N/A	N/A	95%	95%	95%

* This Performance Measure has been updated from compliance determinations to determination decisions to reflect how the reports are published on the website.

RESOURCES

General

- [Business relationships: Affiliates and others with an interest in lobbying activities](#)
- [Codes of conduct](#)
- [Exemption process for former public office holders](#)
- [Getting started - Reference guide](#)
- [Glossary of terms](#)
- [Government funding](#)
- [Guidance for lobbyists during an election](#)
- [How to report political sponsorship and recall contributions in the Lobbyists Registry](#)
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- [Organizations](#)
- [Payment and reimbursement](#)
- [Political, sponsorship, and recall contributions](#)
- [Procurement](#)
- [Provincial entities](#)
- [Public office holders and the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*](#)
- [Registrar of Lobbyists: Guide to investigations](#)
- [Working together for the purpose of lobbying](#)

User Guides

- [Accessing information in the Lobbyists Registry](#)
- [Account management](#)
- [Funding returns](#)
- [How to register and report your lobbying activities](#)
- [Monthly Returns: Registration return updates and lobbying activity reports](#)
- [Quick reference guide for representatives](#)
- [Registration returns: new and reactivations](#)
- [Sample questionnaire for consultant lobbyists' clients](#)
- [Sample questionnaire for organizations that are lobbying](#)
- [Tracking lobbying activities: Consultant lobbyists](#)
- [Tracking lobbying activities: In-house lobbyists](#)



Infographics

- [Are you lobbying?](#)
- [Has the most senior paid officer in your organization changed?](#)
- [Monthly returns: What are they and when](#)
- [Registration timelines](#)
- [What do the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, amendments mean for my lobbying registration?](#)
- [What is a funding return?](#)

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The ORL's budget is incorporated into the budget of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. As part of the approval of the annual Estimates, the Legislative Assembly votes a budget for the two offices as recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Public Interest Disclosure Act

For more information about the ORL's budget and *Public Interest Disclosure Act* (PIDA) disclosure, please see the 2025/26 OIPC Annual Report and Service Plan (page 61) at oipc.bc.ca under "Reports".



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