

**P-05-818 Introducing a Register of Lobbyists in Wales: Correspondence -
Petitioner to Chair, 18.02.19**

We at the Centre for Welsh Studies find this response by the Assembly commission very disappointing. There is a need to introduce a Statutory Register for Lobbyist in Wales now. It would be extremely damaging to Welsh democracy if this Assembly simply kicks the can down the road. Wales is in danger of being left behind, as institutions across Europe move towards increased openness around political lobbying. By introducing Statutory Register for Lobbyist it would help with public trust in the Assembly and provide need accountability. We believe it is important that the petitions committee continue to explore and allow debate on this much needed and vital proposal.

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