

## YouGov / Electoral Reform Society Survey Results

Sample Size: 1041 Scottish Adults  
Fieldwork: 17th - 21st December 2015

	Vote 2015				Gender		Age				Social Grade		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1041</b>	139	228	70	468	498	543	124	247	371	300	489	552
Unweighted Sample	1041	131	245	69	478	548	493	124	131	460	326	577	464
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Companies, organisations or individuals who are paid to communicate with government with the intention of influencing or changing public policy are often called lobbyists. There is not currently any register of lobbyists' meetings with Scottish politicians, political advisers or civil servants.

How much risk of corrupting the policy making process do you think the absence of any register or record of such meetings poses?

A big risk of corrupting the policy making process	<b>32</b>	38	31	40	27	40	24	29	34	32	30	32	31
A significant risk of corrupting the policy making process	<b>35</b>	38	30	38	37	34	35	28	27	35	42	37	33
<b>A BIG / SIGNIFICANT RISK</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>
Not much of a risk of corrupting the policy making process	<b>8</b>	4	6	7	12	9	8	6	8	9	9	8	9
No risk of corrupting the policy making process at all	<b>1</b>	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	2
<b>A NOT MUCH / NO RISK</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>24</b>	17	32	15	24	16	31	36	30	23	17	22	26

The Scottish Government is proposing a Lobbying Transparency law, which would require lobbyists to complete a public register to show that communication has been made with the government and what it is about. As currently proposed, face to face meetings between lobbyists and politicians would have to be recorded in the register. Meetings between lobbyists and political advisers or senior civil servants would not be covered. Do you think...

It is enough for the register to cover meetings between lobbyists and politicians	<b>7</b>	7	5	6	8	8	7	14	9	6	6	9	6
The register should cover meetings between lobbyists and politicians, advisers and senior civil servants	<b>70</b>	74	67	80	71	76	65	50	62	73	81	71	69
Neither of these	<b>2</b>	4	3	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	2
Don't know	<b>21</b>	15	25	13	19	14	26	34	26	19	12	18	23

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As currently proposed, face to face meetings between lobbyists and politicians would have to be recorded in the register. Other contact between lobbyists and politicians, such as email or telephone conversations, would not be recorded. Do you think...

It is enough for the register to cover face-to-face meetings between lobbyists and politicians	<b>10</b>	11	10	11	10	10	9	15	12	8	8	11	9
The register should cover meetings, emails and telephone calls between lobbyists and politicians	<b>68</b>	70	61	73	71	74	63	51	55	73	80	69	68
Neither of these	<b>3</b>	5	5	1	2	2	3	3	5	3	1	3	3
Don't know	<b>19</b>	14	24	16	17	14	24	31	27	17	11	17	21