

proposal into being. It was suggested that the contact records from the minister responsible for the legislation and from the public servants involved in drafting the legislation should be tabled at the time the Bill is introduced into Parliament. This would at least give members a list of those who were interested enough in the proposed legislation to avail themselves of the opportunity to discuss it with government officials prior to its introduction. We did not put this idea among our recommendations as we thought during the initial period of implementation of the registration system that this proposal might possibly overload the system. However, we would like to see such a system implemented in the future and particularly feel it is vitally important that it be done with regard to the legislation which comes as a result of this report.

We therefore request that the legislation on the subject of lobbying be referred to this Committee in draft form prior to its introduction into the House of Commons and that it be accompanied by a list setting out the names of those who have contacted the government on the subject of the drafting of the lobbying legislation.

We also are of the opinion that this legislation should be automatically reviewed by this Committee two years from the time it receives Royal Assent. As we are venturing into a new legislative endeavour, the practical application of the statute should be subject to automatic review by this Committee.