

information. We believe that the information which we have recommended to be made public should be made public and its release should not be prevented by the application of these statutes.

Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which deals with fundamental freedoms contains two subsections which we feel are important to address in the context of our recommendations. Section 2(b) states that everyone has the fundamental freedoms of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication. Section 2(d) gives everyone the fundamental freedom of association. We do not view our recommendations as limitations on these fundamental freedoms. Our recommendations simply require disclosure and we feel that even those requirements are not onerous. We believe that it is important for the public to know what influences are being brought to bear on the policy makers. Disclosure in this regard should increase public confidence in our system of government. We feel that disclosure by lobbyists through registration is a reasonable response to the public's right to know and to judge whether public policy decisions are being made on their merits.

"guiding principles" which are set forth in the government's discussion paper. We believe the system we have recommended creates an open system of disclosure, clearly establishes the duties for those who are to register, and should be fairly simple to deal with from an administrative perspective. In making these recommendations we have had in mind two underlying principles. We do not wish to interfere with the public's access to government while at the same time we wished to have disclosure of activities from the lobbying sector. We feel we have achieved a balance between these two principles in our requirements for registration and disclosure. During our discussions concerning information which should be required from lobbyists, it was suggested that both lobbyists and those who are the subject of lobbying activities - particularly public servants and Cabinet Ministers - be required to keep a list of contacts and the subject-matter of those contacts. There is great concern among Members of Parliament with regard to the ability of some classes of lobbyists and subsequent members, as Members are provided with direct information by the forces which brought the legislative