

- (a) those who for compensation represent third party interests directly or indirectly to government including those representing foreign nationals or foreign governments. (Duly accredited diplomatic or consular officers of a foreign government or members of their staff would not be considered as lobbyists. Nor do we consider the members and representatives of the various levels of government in Canada and their staffs to be lobbyists when they are dealing with the federal government.)
- (b) employees or officers of non-government business organizations, non-profit organizations, volunteer groups, single interest volunteer groups and foreign nationals who for pay or other benefit perform duties which may from time to time include lobbying. The organization by which they are employed or with which they are associated should also be required to register.
- (c) those who initiate and those who are paid to organize mass mailing or advertising campaigns to disseminate material designed to influence government through public opinion.
- (d) non-profit organizations, volunteer groups and single interest groups when they retain a paid lobbyist to represent their views to government;
- (e) lawyers, accountants and other professionals when they represent clients in dealings with government primarily for the purpose of lobbying as defined in this Report.

Degree of Disclosure Required

The registration of lobbyists is a new area of legislative involvement for our federal parliament. Entering any new field, especially one which poses as many difficulties as this should be done with caution. If the lobbyist or the lobbyist employer is required to furnish copious amounts of information we could create a situation similar to that found in some states in the United States where disclosure has been unmanageable both for the lobbyist and the state. However, enough information should be required to make registration a meaningful exercise.

A large number of witnesses who appeared before us were quite reluctant to support any scheme of registration which required the disclosure of information