

CHAPTER 7

Lobbyists and/or their employers could be required to divulge:

- a) names of clients;
- b) nature of the lobbying activity;
- c) a record of mass mailings undertaken by the lobbyist;
- d) names of public servants and Members of Parliament that the lobbyist dealt with on a particular matter;
- e) financial information.

Witnesses indicated to us that if a registration system requires the registrant to disclose too many details then the system may break down as it attempts to cope with the amount of information being submitted. Also, whatever information is requested should be presented in a clear, concise form so that those who wish to study the disclosure records may easily understand the nature of the activity being recorded.

It is our intention that lobbying activities should include efforts to influence the Executive, the Bureaucracy and Members of Parliament including both members of the House of Commons, the Senate and their staff. The definition of lobbying activities should be comprehensive so that it will not be possible for lobbyists to focus their efforts on one branch of the government and thereby escape registration.

We wish to make it clear that although in this and other chapters we may use the word "government" to denote the object of lobbying activity this term is to include efforts to influence the executive, bureaucracy, Members of the House of Commons, the Senate and their staff.