

Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016

PART 3

OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT

Investigations: witnesses and documents

Restriction on disclosure of information

- (1) A person mentioned in subsection (2) must not disclose information which is—
 - (a) contained in a complaint,
 - (b) provided to or obtained by the person in the course of, or for the purposes of, an assessment under section 22(2)(a), or
 - (c) provided to or obtained by the person in the course of, or for the purposes of, an investigation under section 22(2)(b)(i).
- (2) The persons are—
 - (a) the Commissioner,
 - (b) a member of the Commissioner's staff, or
 - (c) any other person appointed by the Commissioner.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not prevent disclosure of information for the purpose of—
 - (a) enabling or assisting the Commissioner to discharge the Commissioner's functions—
 - (i) conferred by or under this Act (including by a resolution of the Parliament under section 41),
 - (ii) conferred by or under any other enactment, or
 - (iii) in the standing orders of the Scottish Parliament, or
 - (b) the investigation or prosecution of any offence or suspected offence.