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Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question 11847/26 of 10th January 2026:

"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality, the position regarding any direct lobbying she has received from any NGO in relation to her annual funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Under the Regulation of Lobbying Act (2015), Ministers are classed as Designated Public Officials (DPOs). The Act requires individuals or organisations undertaking lobbying to register on the Register of Lobbying and to submit returns detailing their lobbying activities directed at DPOs. The Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO) is responsible for maintaining the Register which is publicly available and published on www.lobbying.ie

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Norma Foley', is written over a horizontal line.

Norma Foley TD

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality