

The Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015

Designated Public Officials – Department of Defence

The Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 commenced on 1st September 2015.

The Act provides that the Standards in Public Office Commission will establish and maintain an online Register of lobbying activity - www.lobbying.ie. The purpose of the Register is to make information available to the public on the identity of those communicating with designated public officials on specific policy, legislative matters or prospective decisions. Lobbyists must report on their interactions with the Designated Public Officials.

Section 6(4) of the Act requires each public body to publish a list of designated public officials of the body. The purpose of the list is twofold:

1. To allow members of the public identify those persons who are designated public officials; and
2. As a resource for lobbyists filing a return to the Register who may not need to source a designated public official's details.

The Designated Public Officials of the Department of Defence under this legislation are

Name	Organisation	Job Title/ Grade	Role(s) or area(s) of responsibility
Leo Varadkar, TD	Department of Defence	Taoiseach and Minister for Defence	Taoiseach
Paul Kehoe, TD	Department of Defence	Minister of State at the Department of Defence with Special Responsibility for Defence	Minister of State
John Coughlan	Department of Defence	Advisor to Minister of State Paul Kehoe	Advisor
Clare Mungovan	Department of Defence	Advisor to Minister of State Paul Kehoe	Advisor
Maurice Quinn	Department of Defence	Secretary General	Overall responsibility for all areas of the Department

Des Dowling	Department of Defence	Assistant Secretary	Responsibility for: Contracts Branch Finance Branch (Internal Audit) Human Resources Information & Communication Technologies Planning & Organisation White Paper Project Office
Ciaran Murphy	Department of Defence	Assistant Secretary	Responsibility for: Brussels office International Security & Defence Policy Legislation Branch
Robert Mooney	Department of Defence	Assistant Secretary	Responsibility for: Conciliation & Arbitration DF Personnel Policy Branch DF Support Services Policy Branch Litigation Branch
Clare Tiernan	Department of Defence	Director	Responsibility for: Civil Defence Branch Executive Branch Office of Emergency Planning Property Management Branch