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Dear Sir

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The essential requirement of the Lobbying Act 2015 was to organise and regulate what had become almost a free-for-all by lobbyists (professional and amateur) but essentially to make their activities transparent. A major problem has developed - now quite prevalent - that almost all the information can only be accessed via the internet or similar technology.

May I respectfully point out that - outside the main urban areas - quite a large number of the population do not have this technology or if they do have it, are unable to use it - unless they have suitable young people. You, yourselves, fall into the same trap, in that you request submissions, similarly.

May I suggest that the Code of Conduct takes the transparency issue very seriously, that it be published in a National daily newspaper and that both the lobbyists and those lobbied also be published in said daily newspaper.

No doubt we shall all be "on line" eventually but we are a long way from that yet.

Yours
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