



Lord Carlile of Berriew  
House of Lords  
London  
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Dear Lord Carlile,  
2023

24 January

I am writing to you following my commitment to address the question you raised on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the penultimate House of Lords Committee session for the National Security Bill. I am also responding on behalf of Lord Murray to a question you raised with him regarding STPIMS.

You asked for clarity regarding a specific scenario and whether the scope of the scheme captured such an example. You referred to circumstances where an individual was acting in the UK to raise funds, and facilitate aid, to provide support to people in Ukraine, in cooperation with a Ukrainian charity that has a connection to the Ukrainian government.

I want to offer my reassurances that the scenario you outlined would not be registrable in the current scope of the scheme.

Firstly, where an individual is not acting at the direction of a foreign principal, they will not be in an “arrangement” with a foreign principal under the provisions of the Bill. Collaboration alone, absent a direction from the foreign charity, will not fall within scope of the scheme.

Secondly, the activity described would not meet the definition of political influence activity. The activity does not appear to include any communications with individuals listed at clause 68(2)(a), public communications or disbursement activity, intended to influence a person or matter listed at clause 68(3) of the Bill.

In cases where a foreign entity is directing an individual to arrange for political influence activities (as defined at clause 68) to be carried out in the UK, the individual would be required to register under the scheme. For example, if an individual were directed by a foreign charity to communicate with an MP or Peer, in order to influence the MP or Peer to support that charity, this arrangement would be registerable. Equally, it would also be registrable where the foreign entity itself arranges political influence activities, in the UK.

In regard to individuals placed on STPIMs, whilst it is very challenging to predict the exact number of individuals that will be ut STPIMs, the Government published estimated projections of numbers and costs in the impact assessment for this Bill.

(<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/48583/documents/2479>)

We expect STPIMs to be used sparingly with a similar number imposed as their counter-terrorism equivalents, TPIMs. As of August 2022, there was 1 TPIM in force and as of 31 Dec 2021, 28 individuals have been served with a TPIM notice since the legislation came into force in 2011.

I hope this letter answers your questions and I look forward to continuing to work with you as this Bill progresses through Parliament. A copy of this letter will be deposited in the House library.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharpe of Epsom".

Lord Sharpe of Epsom OBE