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Encouraging a review of the Conflict of Interest Act

Peter Bevan-Baker gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Hal Perry, the following Motion:

WHEREAS public trust in our democratic institutions relies on the highest level of integrity among elected officials and senior government staff;

AND WHEREAS the conduct of elected officials and senior government staff is currently being regulated by both policy and legislation and overseen by two different bodies;

AND WHEREAS the requirements and penalties under the policy and legislation are confusing and inconsistent;

AND WHEREAS the introduction of a Lobbyist Registration Act will add to the inconsistency and potentially create a third oversight body;

AND WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner has made a range of recommendations in his 2015 Annual Report that have not yet been implemented by government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly encourage Government to review the *Conflict of Interest Act* with the intention of integrating the "Executive Division Conflict of Interest Policy" and fully implementing the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lobbyist Registration Act be amended to designate the Conflict of Interest Commissioner as Registrar, so the new Act will become integrated into this accountability framework.

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed by: Hal Perry

12 April 2017