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Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly

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Hi

Here is my submission.

The process is designed for large entities and/or entities that are involved with money.

My micro business is just one person. I mainly work with smaller organisations to correct unintended consequences in legislation. This frequently occurs when the bigger end of town lobbies government using incorrect information and/or to gain additional advantages over the smaller end of town. I am not involved in requesting money from government. I simply offer my services to offer the smaller end of town the same access to good quality government decisions that the large end of town already benefits from.

However, particularly with covid, I need to do 16 separate declarations, using 8 separate IT systems and 16 separate stat decs. It sometimes happens that I muddle these up and end up with a nasty email telling me I have been barred from the register. It takes me 1-2 full days to remember how to log onto all these different systems and comply with all these different requirements, every 3-6 months.

Please make it easier for microbusinesses, particularly where we simply deal with advocacy for improved government decision-making for small businesses.

I suggest the following:

One national system, including one stat dec, for microbusinesses (1 employee max) turning over up to \$150,000 who simply advocate to correct unintended consequences/inequities in current government decisions (no asking for money or “favours” from government, eg property-related transactions).