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June 14, 2004

**The Honourable Alvin Curling
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 180, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honour and pleasure to present the fifth Annual Report with respect to the administration of the *Lobbyists Registration Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.27* for the twelve-month period of April 1st, 2003 to March 31st, 2004.

This Report is submitted pursuant to s.10 of the *Lobbyists Registration Act, 1998*, and s. 24 of the *Members' Integrity Act, 1994*.

Yours very truly

**Lynn Morrison
Lobbyist Registrar**

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INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth Annual Report under the *Lobbyists Registration Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.27* (the “Act”) covering the twelve-month period, April 1st, 2003 to March 31st, 2004.

The Act recognizes that lobbying is a legitimate activity. It provides lobbyists with free and open access to government while safeguarding the integrity of public office holders and protecting them from undue influence. The lobbyists registration system provides the public, public office holders and lobbyists with the opportunity and means to know who is talking to whom in government about what.

All persons who meet any of the definitions of lobbyist under the Act must register their activities on the lobbyist registry, which is accessible through the Lobbyists Registration Office website <http://lobbyist.oico.on.ca>. This site is the principal means of disseminating information relevant to public office holders, the public and lobbyists with respect to those working to influence government activities.

Lobbyists are required to file registration forms and have a choice to file manually or electronically, through the LRO website. As of the date of this Annual Report, 100% of the registrations are filed electronically.

Users can search the registry to produce their own reports and obtain copies of a lobbyist’s registration form, free of charge, either through their own computers or through the facilities available at the Lobbyists Registration Office.

Any person who contravenes the Ontario *Lobbyists Registration Act* is liable on summary conviction to a fine of up to \$25,000, a penalty which is consistent with the provisions of other provincial statutes for serious provincial offences.

There have been no charges laid under the *Lobbyists Registration Act* since its proclamation on January 15, 1999.

STATISTICS

Statistics by lobbyist type, active companies and inactive registrations are available on the web site and are up-dated on a daily basis.

A. Registrations

As of March 31st, 2004, active registrations increased from 1,293 to 1,303 and inactive registrations have increased from 1,802 to 2,526. Inactive registrations include undertakings which have been completed or terminated.

Consultant lobbyists are required to file a registration for each client and undertaking. 256 active consultant lobbyists were registered as of the fiscal year end, representing a total of 1,091 registrations.

As of the date of this Report, 93 employees registered on behalf of their corporate employer when their lobbying activity represented a significant part of their duties. These employees represented the interests of 52 corporations.

As of March 31st, 2004, 119 senior officers who lobby the Ontario government as a significant part of their duties, were registered on behalf of their in-house organizations and the paid employees, totaling 512. This group included industry, business and professional groups, together with charitable organizations.

LOBBYISTS AND REGISTRATIONS AS OF MARCH 31, 2004

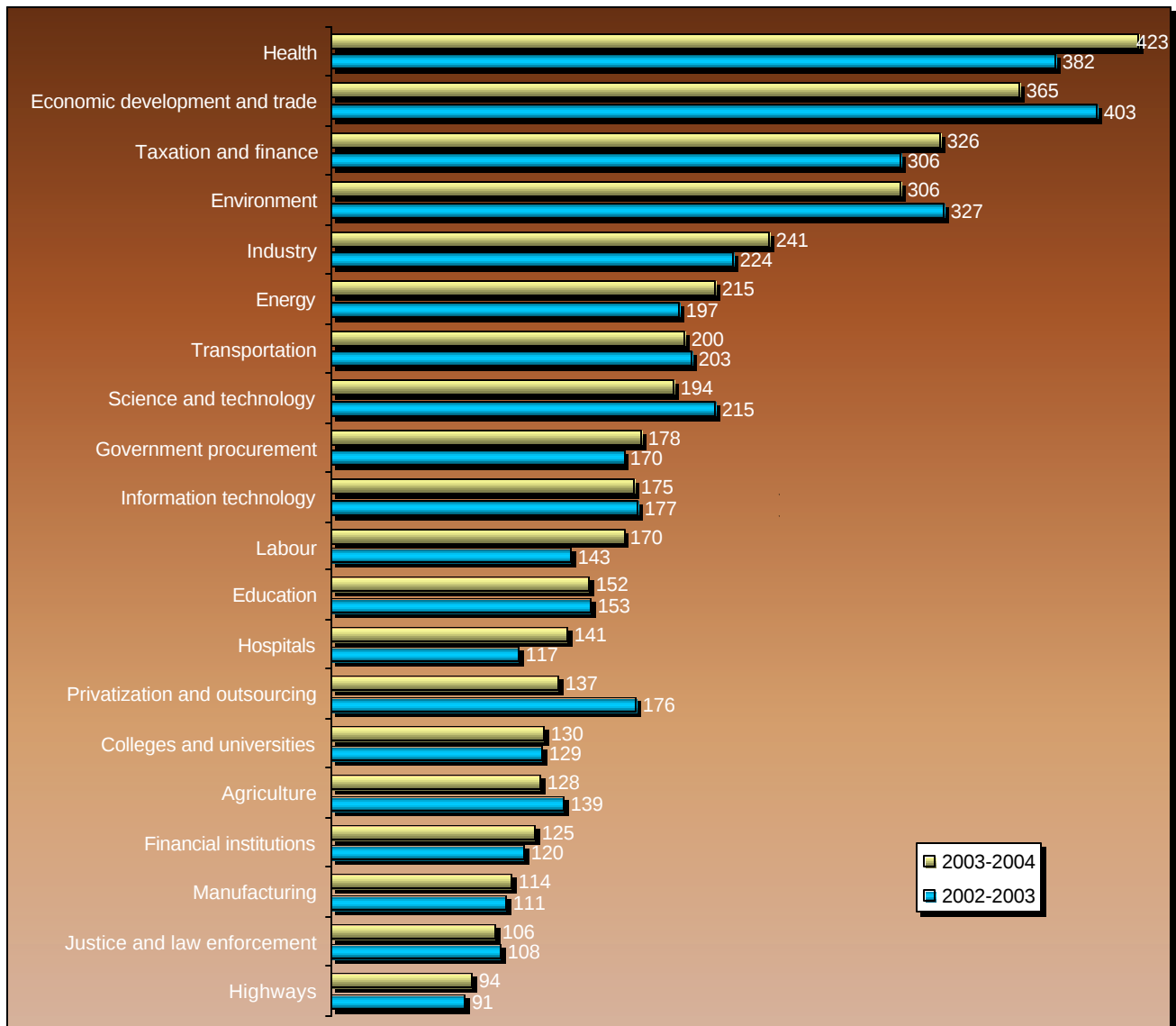
	Consultant Lobbyists	In-House Lobbyists (Persons & Partnerships)	In-House Lobbyists (Organizations)
Lobbyists	256	93	512
Registrations	1,091	93	119
Terminations	2,526	54	19

ACTIVE COMPANIES AS OF MARCH 31, 2004

Consultant Lobbyists - Firms	156
Consultant Lobbyists - Clients	644
In-House Lobbyists (Persons & Partnerships) Employers	52
In-House Lobbyists (Organizations) Employers	119

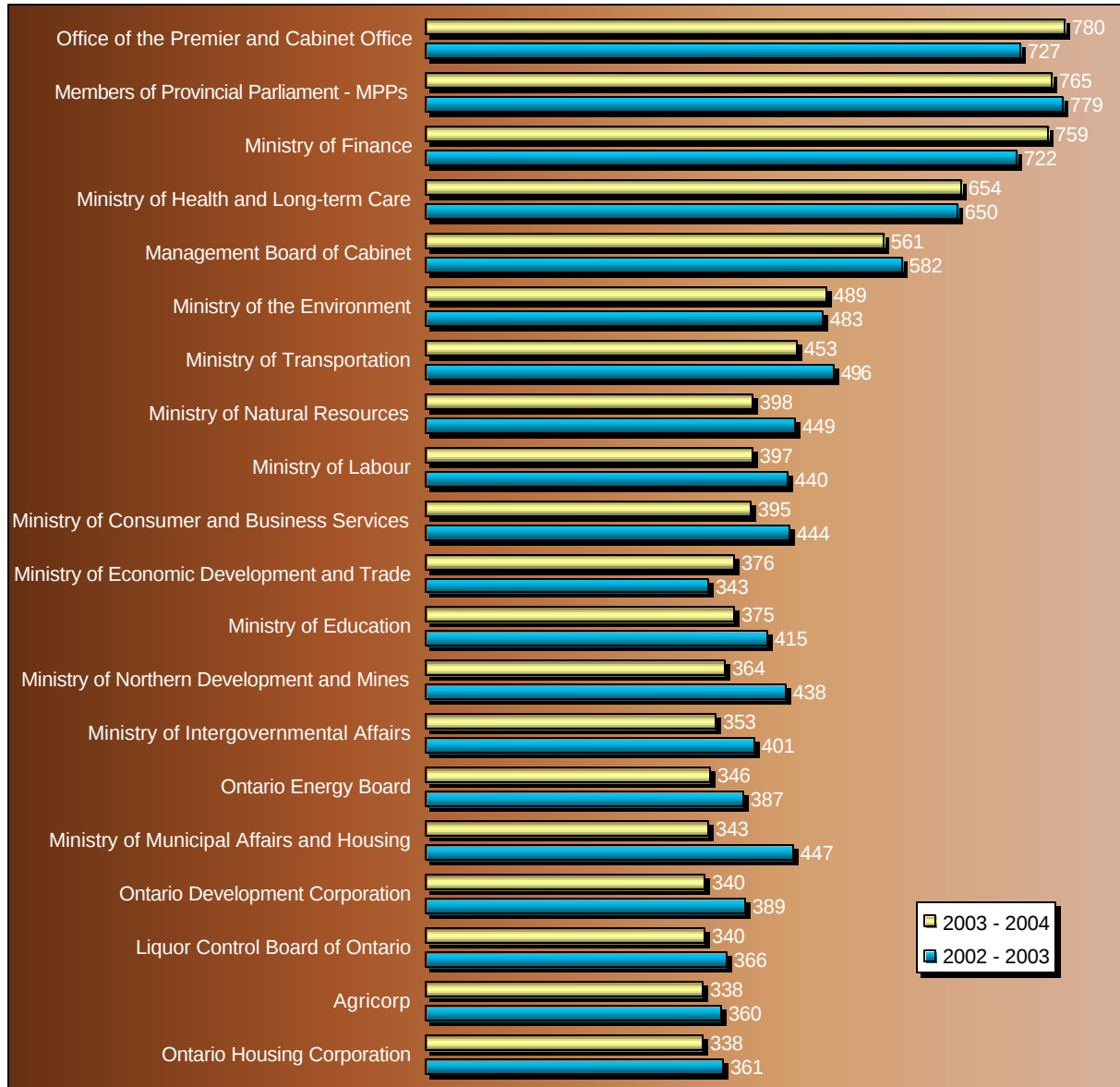
B. Subject Matter of Lobbying Activities

All lobbyists are required to disclose the areas of interest that identify the subject matter of their lobbying activities. The following chart compares the last two fiscal years and shows the 20 areas of interest most frequently identified by the lobbyists in active registrations as of March 31st, 2004.



C. Government Ministries and Agencies

All lobbyists are required to disclose the names of the ministries and agencies that they are, or expect to be, in contact with during the course of their lobbying activities. The chart below sets out those 20 Ontario government ministries and agencies most frequently contacted by the lobbyists in the two fiscal years prior to March 31st, 2004.



2003/2004 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Benefits	\$74,411.79
Transportation and Communications	29,053.80
Services	3,408.86
Supplies and Equipment	<u>15,579.67</u>
	<u>\$122,454.12</u>

PUBLIC SECTOR SALARY DISCLOSURE ACT, 1996

This statement is provided under the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act*. In accordance with s.16(1) of the *Lobbyists Registration Act*, the Integrity Commissioner has delegated his powers under the *Act*. Based on this delegation, there are no employees in the Lobbyists Registration Office who received a salary in excess of \$100,000 during the period, January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

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