



Office of the Ethics Commissioner

## News Release

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### **Ian Murray and Company Ltd. Did Not Breach the Lobbyists Act**

*Edmonton...* Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, submitted A Report of an Investigation of Ian Murray and Company Ltd., to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta today under the authority of Subsections 17(1) and 17(1.1) of the *Lobbyists Act*.

The Investigation was conducted by Bradley V. Odsen, Q.C., Lobbyists Act Registrar, in response to a request made by the Honourable Hugh MacDonald, MLA for Edmonton Gold Bar and allegations made in a news report published in the Edmonton Journal on July 28, 2010.

“The Report speaks for itself.” noted Mr. Odsen, “But I should mention that Mr. Murray cooperated throughout my investigation, and I note that not only was there no evidence to support an allegation of breach of section 6 of the Lobbyists Act, it became apparent that Mr. Murray went beyond the requirements of the Act by registering communications with an Alberta Government Official that were not lobbying, to comply with the spirit of openness and transparency of the Act.”

A copy of the Investigation Report can be found on our website at:  
<http://www.lobbyistsact.ab.ca/LRS/GeneralSettings.nsf/vwEnHTML/Findings.htm>  
or by contacting our Office.

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