



Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Legislation Amendment Act 2018

No. 152, 2018

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influence transparency, and for related purposes**

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[Assented to 10 December 2018]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act is the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme
Legislation Amendment Act 2018*.

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2018

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The later of: (a) the day this Act receives the Royal Assent; and (b) immediately after the commencement of the <i>Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018</i> .	10 December 2018 (paragraph (b) applies)

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018

1 Section 41

After “registrants”, insert “, former registrants”.

2 Subsection 43(1)

Omit “each person registered”, substitute “each person who is, or has at any time been, registered”.

3 Paragraph 43(1)(b)

After “undertakes”, insert “or undertook”.

4 Section 44

Omit “in the register”, substitute “on the register or made publicly available under section 43”.

5 Application

The amendments of the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018* made by this Schedule apply in relation to a person who is, or has at any time been, registered in relation to a foreign principal:

- (a) whether the person became registered before or after this Schedule commences; and
- (b) even if the person ceased to be registered before this Schedule commences.

National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Act 2018

6 Item 1 of Schedule 5

Repeal the item, substitute:

1 Requirement to register in relation to pre-existing arrangements

If, at the time the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018* commences, a registrable arrangement is in existence between a person and a foreign principal, the person must register under the scheme no later than whichever of the following days occurs first:

- (a) the day that is 3 months after the day that Act commences;
- (b) the day that is 14 days after the day, or the earlier of the days, on which writs are issued for a general election or a Senate election (within the meaning of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*).

[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 28 November 2018
Senate on 5 December 2018]

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