

LOBBYING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – The lobbying register

Clerk's duty to publish information from the register

Voluntary registration

- 78. **Section 14** contains provision relating to voluntary registration.
- 79. Subsection (1) provides that a person may apply to the Clerk be entered in the register as a voluntary registrant (unless the person is already an active registrant).
- 80. Subsection (2) provides that an application under this section must be in such form as the Clerk may determine and specifies that the application must contain information in relation to the person's identity (which varies depending on the type of person, e.g. in the case of a company, the name of the company, its registered number etc.) as set out in section 5.
- 81. Subsection (3) provides that the Clerk may either enter or refuse to enter the applicant in the register.
- 82. Subsection (4) sets out that the Clerk may remove a voluntary registrant from the register on an application from the voluntary registrant to do so or may update the register accordingly if following submission of information under section 8(1) (duty to register in 30 days following first instance of engaging in regulated lobbying when not an active registrant) or an application under section 9 (application by person who is not an active registrant and who has not engaged in regulated lobbying) the person is instead entered in the register as an active registrant.