 Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

CHAPTER 45

FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING ACT 1981

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Changes to legislation:
Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 March 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:
- s. 23(1)(b) repealed by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 7
- s. 23(2)(b) repealed by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 7
- s. 23(3)(b) repealed by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 7