



# Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016

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### PART 5

#### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### 47 Interpretation

In this Act—

“active registrant” has the meaning given in section 3(6),

“the Clerk” means the Clerk of the Parliament,

“the Commissioner” means the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland,

“inactive registrant” has the meaning given in section 3(6),

“the Parliament”—

(a) means the Scottish Parliament, and

(b) includes any committee of the Parliament (except in relation to the power to censure a person under section 40 or a power to make a resolution),

“the permanent secretary” means the individual who serves the Scottish Government in the position of permanent secretary in the civil service of the State,

“proceedings of the Parliament” include proceedings of any committee or sub-committee of the Parliament,

“register” has the meaning given in section 3,

“shadow director” has the meaning given in section 251 of the Companies Act 2006,

“special adviser” means an individual who—

(a) holds a position in the civil service of the State,

(b) is appointed to assist one or more of the ministers mentioned in section 44(1)(a) or (b) of the Scotland Act 1998 after being selected for the appointment by the First Minister personally,

(c) has terms and conditions of appointment (apart from those by virtue of section 8(11) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010) which are approved by the Minister for the Civil Service, and

(d) those terms and conditions provide for the appointment to end—

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- (i) not later than when the First Minister who selected the individual ceases to hold that office, or
- (ii) where the individual is selected personally for the appointment by a person designated under section 45(4) of the Scotland Act 1998, not later than when the designated person ceases to be able to exercise the functions of the First Minister by virtue of the designation,

“voluntary registrant” has the meaning given in section 3(6).

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