

Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (Repeal) Bill

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Repeal the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Repeal

- (1) The 2014 Act is repealed, subject to the savings contained in the Schedule.
- (2) Any enactment amended by the repealed provisions shall be read as though the repealed provisions had not been passed, subject to the savings contained in the Schedule. 5
- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to an enactment amended includes an enactment amended by repeal.
- (4) In this Act, “the 2014 Act” means the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014.

2 Contracts already entered

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No offence is committed by a person complying with a contractual obligation entered into prior to the coming into force of this Act, where compliance with that contractual obligation would have been lawful if this Act had not been passed.

3 Extent

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Any amendment or repeal made by this Act has the same extent as the enactment amended or repealed.

4 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 (Repeal) Act 2015. 20

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

SCHEDULE

Section 1

SAVINGS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

Savings

- 1 The following provisions of the 2014 Act are not repealed –
section 3; and 5
section 4.
- 2 (1) The following amendments made by the 2014 Act shall remain in force,
notwithstanding section 1(2) –
the amendment made by section 33, inserting section 95F, subsections
(2) and (3), into the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000; and 10
the amendment made by 35, inserting section 100(4) and (5) into the
Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, save that in
section 100(4) for “this section” substitute “subsection (3)”.
- (2) The provisions remaining in force by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) shall be 15
construed in accordance with the Political Parties, Elections and
Referendums Act 2000 as it stood immediately before the passing of this Act.

Abolition of Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

- 3 The Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists shall cease to exist on such date as the 20
Minister may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- 4 The regulations shall make provision –
- (1) specifying the person to whom property, rights and liabilities of 25
the Registrar shall be transferred (which need not be the same
person);
- (2) requiring the preparation of a statement of accounts in respect of 25
the last financial year of operation;
- (3) reversing on the appointed date the effect of the amendments
made by paragraphs 11 to 13 of Schedule 2 of the 2014 Act; and
- (4) repealing from the appointed date the provisions listed in 30
paragraph 1 of this Schedule.
- 5 In this Schedule –
“the Minister” means the Secretary of State or the Lord President of the
Council;
“the regulations” means regulations made under paragraph 2;
“the regulations date” means the date upon which the regulations are 35
made;
“the appointed date” means the date appointed under paragraph 2;

“the last financial year of operation” means the period beginning with the 1 April preceding the regulations date and ending on the appointed date, and references in paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 of the 2014 Act to “financial year” shall from the regulations date be construed as references to the last financial year of operation.

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- 6 Any statutory instrument containing the regulations is to be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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