What do the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, 2024, amendments mean for my lobbying registration?

This infographic highlights upcoming changes to lobbying reporting requirements introduced by the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, 2024 (Bill 9). **These amendments are not yet**in force — they will come into force at a later date determined by regulation. (Please refer to the **ORL website** for updates). Until then, lobbying requirements remain unchanged.

AMENDMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The requirement to report **requested** government funding will be removed.
- The due date to report received government funding will be extended.
- Clarifications will be made on existing filing requirements, including lobbyists, clients and organizations working together for the purpose of lobbying, and when and how filing obligations end.

REQUESTED GOVERNMENT FUNDING



Designated Filers will no longer be required to report **requested** government funding.



However, Designated
Filers will still need to
report **received**government funding.
See details on timing

For more information, see our <u>Government Funding</u> guidance document.

REPORTING TIMELINE EXTENSION

Designated Filers must continue to report received government funding from the previous 12 months as part of their new or reactivated Registration



The deadline to report additional government funding received after the Registration Return is filed will be extended from 1 month after funding is received to 3 months after funding is received. See table below for details.

Designated filers may continue to file received government funding information on a monthly basis, if they choose to do so.

WHEN WILL I NEED TO REPORT RECEIVED GOVERNMENT FUNDING?

Table of deadlines to report received government funding information. Month funding is received Received funding must be reported in the Lobbyist Registry no later than the date indicated May 15th January June 15th February July 15th March August 15th April September 15th May June October 15th November 15th July December 15th August January 15th September February 15th October March 15th November December April 15th

CLARIFYING EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

- Section 4(1)(h): The language around 'coalition' lobbying will be updated for clarity, but the requirement will remain the same. Designated Filers will be required to report the name and business address of any other client or organization who they work with for the purpose of lobbying and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activities.
- Section 4.4: When and how filing obligations end: When a consultant lobbyist or an organization ceases lobbying, the Designated Filer will have 30 days after the month in which lobbying stops to end their Registration Return in the Lobbyists Registry. To do so, they will have to submit any outstanding information that otherwise would have been submitted in a Monthly Return or any outstanding information on received government funding up to the date the lobbying ceased.