



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 4

FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE REGISTRATION SCHEME

Political influence activities of foreign powers

70 **Meaning of “political influence activity”**

- (1) An activity is a “political influence activity” if—
 - (a) it is within subsection (2), and
 - (b) the purpose, or one of the purposes, for which it is carried out is the purpose of influencing a matter or person within subsection (3).
- (2) The activities within this subsection are—
 - (a) making any communication to a person listed in [Schedule 14](#);
 - (b) making a public communication, except where it is reasonably clear from the communication that it is made by or at the direction of the foreign power;
 - (c) distributing money, goods or services to UK persons.
- (3) The matters and persons within this subsection are—
 - (a) an election or referendum in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) a decision of—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown (within the meaning of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975) or a United Kingdom government department,
 - (ii) a Northern Ireland Minister, the First Minister in Northern Ireland, the deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland, a person appointed as a junior Minister under section 19 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, a Northern Ireland department or the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly,
 - (iii) the Scottish Ministers or the First Minister for Scotland, or

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- (iv) the Welsh Ministers, the First Minister for Wales or the Counsel General to the Welsh Government,
 - (c) the proceedings of a UK registered political party, or
 - (d) a Member of either House of Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament or Senedd Cymru (acting in that capacity).
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) a person makes a public communication if the person—
- (a) publishes or disseminates information, a document or other article, or
 - (b) produces information, a document or other article for publication or dissemination.
- (5) In this section—
- “UK person” has the same meaning as in [section 2](#);
 - “UK registered political party” means a political party registered under [Part 2](#) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.