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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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An Act about reports about land acquired by government agencies, and for other purposes

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Government Agencies (Land Acquisition Reporting) Act 2018*.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere in this Act.

For example, the signpost definition ‘*government agency*—see section 5.’ means that the term ‘government agency’ is defined in that section and the definition applies to this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

4 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

Note See the [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

Part 2 Important concepts

5 **Meaning of *government agency***

(1) In this Act:

government agency means—

- (a) an administrative unit; or
- (b) a public sector body; or
- (c) a territory authority; or
- (d) a territory instrumentality; or
- (e) a territory-owned corporation.

(2) However, *government agency* does not include the University of Canberra.

6 **Who is a *responsible Minister*?**

In this Act:

responsible Minister, for a government agency, means—

- (a) for an administrative unit—the Minister allocated responsibility for the administrative unit under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 14 (1) (a); and
- (b) for a public sector body—the Minister allocated responsibility for the Act under which the body is established under the administrative arrangements under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 14 (1) (b); and

- (c) for a territory authority—the Minister allocated responsibility for the Act under which the authority is established under the administrative arrangements under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 14 (1) (b); and
- (d) for a territory instrumentality—the Minister declared as the responsible Minister for the territory instrumentality’s annual report under the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*, section 12; and
- (e) for a territory-owned corporation—the Chief Minister.

7 Meaning of *land acquisition*

- (1) In this Act:

land acquisition—

- (a) means an acquisition of land by a government agency; and
- (b) includes—
 - (i) an acquisition under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1994*; or
 - (ii) a surrender of a Crown lease, or part of the land comprised in a Crown lease, under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, section 299, whether or not the acquiring government agency agreed to accept the surrender; or
 - (iii) the withdrawal of land from a Crown lease under the terms of the lease; or
 - (iv) a termination of a Crown lease under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, section 382; or
 - (v) any other acquisition of land by a government agency required under a territory law; or
 - (vi) an acquisition prescribed by regulation.

- (2) However, *land acquisition* does not include—
- (a) an acquisition of land by a government agency from another government agency; or
 - (b) an acquisition prescribed by regulation.

Example—par (a)

as a result of a change to the functions of an administrative unit made under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, s 14

- (3) In this section:

declared land sublease—see the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, section 312C.

land—

- (a) means the legal or equitable estate in land in the ACT or elsewhere; and
- (b) includes—
 - (i) unleased territory land; and
 - (ii) an easement other than an easement prescribed by regulation; and
 - (iii) anything prescribed by regulation; but
- (c) unless otherwise stated by regulation, does not include—
 - (i) a sublease of a Crown lease other than a declared land sublease; or
 - (ii) any other tenancy or occupancy right; or
 - (iii) any other incorporeal right.

Note An incorporeal right is an intangible right attached to land, and in addition to easements, includes rents, tithes and profit à prendre.

Part 3 Reporting requirements

8 Publication of reports about land acquisitions etc

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each quarter, the responsible Minister for a government agency must publish on an ACT government website—
 - (a) if the government agency made a land acquisition in the quarter—a report about the acquisition that includes the matters mentioned in section 9; and
 - (b) if the City Renewal Authority made no land acquisitions in the quarter—a statement to that effect; and
 - (c) if the Suburban Land Agency made no land acquisitions in the quarter—a statement to that effect.
- (2) After a report mentioned in subsection (1) (a) about a land acquisition is published, the responsible Minister must give the relevant Assembly committee a copy of the report.
- (3) In this section:

relevant Assembly committee means a standing committee of the Legislative Assembly nominated, in writing, by the Speaker for subsection (2).

9 Report about acquisition of land

- (1) A report about a land acquisition by a government agency must—
 - (a) identify—
 - (i) the particulars of the land that was acquired; and
 - (ii) the government agency that acquired the land; and
 - (iii) from whom the land was acquired; and
 - (b) describe the way in which the acquisition was made; and

- (c) state—
 - (i) the compensation paid or payable for the land; and
 - (ii) any other amount paid or payable in relation to the acquisition; and
- (d) for a defined land acquisition, include—
 - (i) any valuation given to the acquiring government agency by the person from whom the land was acquired; and
 - (ii) any other valuation considered by the acquiring government agency; and
- (e) for a defined land acquisition, state—
 - (i) whether the acquisition was—
 - (A) approved by the Executive, a stated Minister or a public servant; or
 - (B) agreed by Cabinet; or
 - (ii) if the acquisition was approved by a public servant—the position of the public servant; and
 - (iii) the date the acquisition was approved or agreed; and
- (f) for a defined land acquisition, include a short statement about the following:
 - (i) the reason why the land was acquired including the proposed and potential short and long term use and development of the land;
 - (ii) how the proposed use and development of the land is consistent with the [territory plan](#);
 - (iii) how the acquisition is in the public interest;
 - (iv) how the acquisition is consistent with the functions of the acquiring government agency;

- (v) if relevant, how the proposed use and development of the land supports the principle of environmental sustainability;
 - (vi) if the acquiring government agency has a statement of intent—how the acquisition is consistent with the agency’s statement of intent, or other relevant forecasts, for the year;
 - (vii) how the acquisition represents value for money taking into account the particulars of the land, any valuation, the proposed and potential short and long term use and development of the land, relevant policies and programs of the acquiring government agency or the Territory; and
- (g) include anything prescribed by regulation.
- (2) For an acquisition made under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1994*, if the amount paid or payable is not known at the end of the quarter the report—
- (a) must state that the information is not yet known and that the report will be updated when the information is known; and
 - (b) must be updated to include the amount paid or payable as soon as practicable after the amount is known.
- (3) A report may include any other information the responsible Minister considers relevant.

Example

information from a business case or risk assessment

- (4) In this section:

defined land acquisition means a land acquisition other than an acquisition mentioned in section 7 (1) (b) (ii) to (vi).

10 Certain information must not be included in reports

- (1) This section applies to a report under section 8 (1) (a) about a land acquisition by a government agency.

- (2) For an acquisition of land from an individual, the individual's name must not be included in the report, and must be removed from any document attached to the report.
- (3) For—
- (a) an acquisition of land to be developed or used as—
 - (i) a housing assistance property; or
 - (ii) a facility to provide a service for community health or safety, if the Minister has declared, in writing, that disclosure of identifying particulars would risk an adverse impact on the privacy or reputation of potential users of the facility; or
 - (b) an acquisition of land under a land rent lease; or
 - (c) an acquisition of land prescribed by regulation;
- the only identifying particular of the acquired land that may be included in a report is the district in which the acquired land is located and any other identifying particulars of the land must be removed from any document attached to the report.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the information has entered the public domain.
- (5) For an acquisition of land under a land rent lease, information that must not be disclosed by a tax officer under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, division 9.4 (Secrecy) must not be included in the report, and must be removed from any document attached to the report.
- (6) In this section:
- district*** means a district determined under the *Districts Act 2002*, section 5.
- housing assistance property***—see the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*, section 28 (2).

Part 3 Reporting requirements

Section 10

land rent lease—see the *Land Rent Act 2008*, dictionary.

tax officer—see the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 94.

Part 4 Miscellaneous

11 Relationship to other laws

- (1) This Act is in addition to the requirements of any other territory law.
- (2) If a Minister is required under any other territory law to prepare a report about the acquisition of land, the Minister may prepare a report that complies with both this Act and the other law.

12 Regulation-making power

The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

Note A regulation must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](#).

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

Note 2 For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- administrative unit
- city renewal authority
- Executive
- Legislative Assembly
- Minister (see s 162)
- must (see s 146)
- person
- public sector body
- public servant
- quarter
- Speaker
- suburban land agency
- territory authority
- territory instrumentality
- territory land
- territory law
- territory-owned corporation.

government agency—see section 5.

land acquisition—see section 7.

responsible Minister, for a government agency—see section 6.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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notified LR 12 November 2018
s 1, s 2 commenced 12 November 2018 (LA s 75 (1))
s 5 (1) (e), s 6 (e), pt 7 commenced 1 July 2019 (s 2 (2))
remainder commenced 1 January 2019 (s 2 (1))

as amended by

Government Agencies (Land Acquisition Reporting) Act 2018 A2018-44 pt 7

notified LR 12 November 2018
s 1, s 2 commenced 12 November 2018 (LA s 75 (1))
pt 7 commenced 1 July 2019 (s 2 (2))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2019 A2019-42 sch 3 pt 3.13

notified LR 31 October 2019
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 October 2019 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.13 commenced 14 November 2019 (s 2 (1))

Legislation (Legislative Assembly Committees) Amendment Act 2022 A2022-4 sch 1 pt 1.10

notified LR 30 March 2022
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 March 2022 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.10 commenced 6 April 2022 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Meaning of *land acquisition*

s 7 am 2018-44 pt 7

Publication of reports about land acquisitions etc

s 8 am [A2022-4](#) amdt 1.32, amdt 1.33

Report about acquisition of land

s 9 am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.18

Certain information must not be included in reports

s 10 hdg sub [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.19

s 10 am [A2019-42](#) amdt 3.20

Transitional

pt 5 hdg exp 1 July 2019 (s 14)

Acquisitions made before 1 January 2019

s 13 exp 1 July 2019 (s 14)

Expiry—pt 5

s 14 exp 1 July 2019 (s 14)

Consequential amendments

pt 6 hdg om LA s 89 (3)

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017

s 15 om LA s 89 (3)

Delayed amendment

pt 7 om LA s 89 (3)

Endnotes

5 Earlier republications

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Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R1 1 Jan 2019	1 Jan 2019– 30 June 2019	not amended	new Act
R2 1 July 2019	1 July 2019– 1 July 2019	A2018-44	commenced provisions and amendments by A2018-44
R3 2 July 2019	2 July 2019– 13 Nov 2019	A2018-44	expiry of transitional provisions (pt 5)
R4 14 Nov 2019	14 Nov 2019– 5 April 2022	A2019-42	amendments by A2019-42

6 Expired transitional or validating provisions

This Act may be affected by transitional or validating provisions that have expired. The expiry does not affect any continuing operation of the provisions (see [Legislation Act 2001](#), s 88 (1)).

Expired provisions are removed from the republished law when the expiry takes effect and are listed in the amendment history using the abbreviation ‘exp’ followed by the date of the expiry.

To find the expired provisions see the version of this Act before the expiry took effect. The ACT legislation register has point-in-time versions of this Act.

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