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**Australian Security Intelligence Organization Amendment Act 1988**

**No. 137 of 1988**

**An Act to amend sections 85 and 86 of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979*, and for related purposes**

[*Assented to 26 December 1988*]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

**PART I—PRELIMINARY**

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Amendment Act 1988.*

**Commencement**

**2.** This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**PART II—AMENDMENTS OF THE ASIO ACT 1979**

**Principal Act**

**3.** In this Part, “Principal Act” means the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979*1.

**Guidelines**

**4.** Section 8a of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Minister may, from time to time, by written notice given to the Director-General, give to the Director-General guidelines to be observed:

(a) in the performance by the Organization of its functions or the exercise of its powers; or

(b) in the exercise by the Director-General of his or her powers under sections 85 and 86.”.

**Designation of offices etc.**

**5.** Section 85 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) “the Chairman of the Public Service Board, the Secretary to the Attorney-General’s Department and”.

**Conditions of employment**

**6.** Section 86 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “the Chairman of the Public Service Board, the Secretary to the Attorney-General’s Department and”.

**PART III—AMENDMENT OF THE ASIO AMENDMENT ACT 1986**

**Principal Act**

**7.** In this Part, “Principal Act” means the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Amendment Act 1986*2*.*

**Repeal of sections 34 and 35**

**8.** Sections 34 and 35 of the Principal Act are repealed.

**NOTES**

1. No. 113, 1979, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 182, 1979; No. 65, 1985; No. 122, 1986; and Nos. 89 and 141, 1987.

2. No. 122, 1986.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in—*

*House of Representatives on 12 October 1988*

*Senate on 10 November 1988*]