



# Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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## PART 2

### EXEMPT INFORMATION

#### 27 Information intended for future publication

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
- (a) it is held with a view to its being published by—
    - (i) a Scottish public authority; or
    - (ii) any other person,at a date not later than twelve weeks after that on which the request for the information is made;
  - (b) when that request is made the information is already being held with that view; and
  - (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information be withheld from disclosure until such date as is mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) Information obtained in the course of, or derived from, a programme of research is exempt information if—
- (a) the programme is continuing with a view to a report of the research (whether or not including a statement of that information) being published by—
    - (i) a Scottish public authority; or
    - (ii) any other person; and
  - (b) disclosure of the information before the date of publication would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially—
    - (i) the programme;
    - (ii) the interests of any individual participating in the programme;
    - (iii) the interests of the authority which holds the information; or
    - (iv) the interests of the authority mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) (if it is a different authority from that which holds the information).

**Changes to legislation:**

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 27 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 74A inserted by [2023 asp 6 sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)](#)