

*These notes relate to the Freedom of Information (Scotland)  
Act 2002 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 28 May 2002*

# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION**

#### **Part 7 – Miscellaneous and supplemental**

##### ***Section 67 – Protection for actions for defamation***

157. The purpose of this section is to ensure that a public authority cannot be held liable if it is required to disclose information under this Act for which an action for defamation could be taken against it. This only applies where the information containing the defamatory matter has been supplied to that authority by a third person. It does not apply where that disclosure can be shown to have been made with malicious intent.