

Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

An Act to make provision for the disclosure of information held by public authorities or by persons providing services for them and to amend the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Public Records Act 1958; and for connected purposes. [30th November 2000]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act: functions of Secretary of State transferred to the Lord Chancellor (26.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3500, arts. 3, 4, Sch. 1 para. 12
 - Act (except ss. 15, 23, 24, 36, 46, 65, 66 and s. 53 for certain purposes): functions of the Lord Chancellor transferred to the Secretary of State, and all property, rights and liabilities to which the Lord Chancellor is entitled or subject in connection with any such function transferred to the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 4, Sch. 1 (with art. 6)
- C2 Act: enforcement and appeals provisions applied (with modifications) (1.1.2005) by The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3391), reg. 18 (with reg. 3)

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PART I

ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Right to information

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1 General right of access to information held by public authorities.

- (1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
 - (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
 - (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to the following provisions of this section and to the provisions of sections 2, 9, 12 and 14.
- (3) Where a public authority—
 - (a) reasonably requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested, and
 - (b) has informed the applicant of that requirement,

the authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) unless it is supplied with that further information.

- (4) The information—
 - (a) in respect of which the applicant is to be informed under subsection (1)(a), or
 - (b) which is to be communicated under subsection (1)(b),

is the information in question held at the time when the request is received, except that account may be taken of any amendment or deletion made between that time and the time when the information is to be communicated under subsection (1)(b), being an amendment or deletion that would have been made regardless of the receipt of the request.

- (5) A public authority is to be taken to have complied with subsection (1)(a) in relation to any information if it has communicated the information to the applicant in accordance with subsection (1)(b).
- (6) In this Act, the duty of a public authority to comply with subsection (1)(a) is referred to as "the duty to confirm or deny".

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2 Effect of the exemptions in Part II.

- (1) Where any provision of Part II states that the duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to any information, the effect of the provision is that where either—
 - (a) the provision confers absolute exemption, or

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(b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in disclosing whether the public authority holds the information,

section 1(1)(a) does not apply.

- (2) In respect of any information which is exempt information by virtue of any provision of Part II, section 1(1)(b) does not apply if or to the extent that—
 - (a) the information is exempt information by virtue of a provision conferring absolute exemption, or
 - (b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the following provisions of Part II (and no others) are to be regarded as conferring absolute exemption—
 - (a) section 21,
 - (b) section 23,
 - (c) section 32,
 - (d) section 34,
 - (e) section 36 so far as relating to information held by the House of Commons or the House of Lords,
 - (f) in section 40—
 - (i) subsection (1), and
 - (ii) subsection (2) so far as relating to cases where the first condition referred to in that subsection is satisfied by virtue of subsection (3) (a)(i) or (b) of that section,
 - (g) section 41, and
 - (h) section 44.

3 Public authorities.

- (1) In this Act "public authority" means—
 - (a) subject to section 4(4), any body which, any other person who, or the holder of any office which—
 - (i) is listed in Schedule 1, or
 - (ii) is designated by order under section 5, or
 - (b) a publicly-owned company as defined by section 6.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, information is held by a public authority if—
 - (a) it is held by the authority, otherwise than on behalf of another person, or
 - (b) it is held by another person on behalf of the authority.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3 S. 3 modified (29.9.2008 at 8.00 a.m.) by The Bradford & Bingley plc Transfer of Securities and Property etc. Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2546), art. 41
- C4 S. 3 modified (7.10.2008 at 9.30 a.m.) by The Heritable Bank plc Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2644), art. 29
- C5 S. 3(1)(b) modified (30.3.2009 at 8.00 a.m.) by The Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) Order (S.I. 2009/814), {art. 8(1)(a)(2)}

- C6 S. 3(1)(b) modified (22.2.2008) by The Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/432), art. 18(2)(a)
- C7 S. 3(2)(b) modified (30.3.2009 at 8.00 a.m.) by The Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) Order (S.I. 2009/814), {art. 8(1)(b)(2)}
- C8 S. 3(2)(b) modified (8.10.2008 at 12.15 p.m.) by The Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander Limited Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2674), art. 31
- C9 S. 3(2)(b) modified (22.2.2008) by The Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/432), art. 18(2)(b)

4 Amendment of Schedule 1.

- (1) The [FI Secretary of State] may by order amend Schedule 1 by adding to that Schedule a reference to any body or the holder of any office which (in either case) is not for the time being listed in that Schedule but as respects which both the first and the second conditions below are satisfied.
- (2) The first condition is that the body or office—
 - (a) is established by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by an enactment or by subordinate legislation, or
 - (b) is established in any other way by a Minister of the Crown in his capacity as Minister, by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The second condition is—
 - (a) in the case of a body, that the body is wholly or partly constituted by appointment made by the Crown, by a Minister of the Crown, by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales, or
 - (b) in the case of an office, that appointments to the office are made by the Crown, by a Minister of the Crown, by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (4) If either the first or the second condition above ceases to be satisfied as respects any body or office which is listed in Part VI or VII of Schedule 1, that body or the holder of that office shall cease to be a public authority by virtue of the entry in question.
- (5) The [FI Secretary of State] may by order amend Schedule 1 by removing from Part VI or VII of that Schedule an entry relating to any body or office—
 - (a) which has ceased to exist, or
 - (b) as respects which either the first or the second condition above has ceased to be satisfied.
- (6) An order under subsection (1) may relate to a specified person or office or to persons or offices falling within a specified description.
- (7) Before making an order under subsection (1), the [F1]Secretary of State] shall—
 - (a) if the order adds to Part II, III, IV or VI of Schedule 1 a reference to—
 - (i) a body whose functions are exercisable only or mainly in or as regards Wales, or
 - (ii) the holder of an office whose functions are exercisable only or mainly in or as regards Wales,

consult the National Assembly for Wales, and

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- (b) if the order relates to a body which, or the holder of any office who, if the order were made, would be a Northern Ireland public authority, consult the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.
- (8) This section has effect subject to section 80.
- (9) In this section "Minister of the Crown" includes a Northern Ireland Minister.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 4 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

5 Further power to designate public authorities.

- (1) The [F2Secretary of State] may by order designate as a public authority for the purposes of this Act any person who is neither listed in Schedule 1 nor capable of being added to that Schedule by an order under section 4(1), but who—
 - (a) appears to the Secretary of State to exercise functions of a public nature, or
 - (b) is providing under a contract made with a public authority any service whose provision is a function of that authority.
- (2) An order under this section may designate a specified person or office or persons or offices falling within a specified description.
- (3) Before making an order under this section, the [F2Secretary of State] shall consult every person to whom the order relates, or persons appearing to him to represent such persons.
- (4) This section has effect subject to section 80.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words in s. 5 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

6 Publicly-owned companies.

- (1) A company is a "publicly-owned company" for the purposes of section 3(1)(b) if—
 - (a) it is wholly owned by the Crown, or
 - (b) it is wholly owned by any public authority listed in Schedule 1 other than—
 - (i) a government department, or
 - (ii) any authority which is listed only in relation to particular information.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a company is wholly owned by the Crown if it has no members except—
 - (i) Ministers of the Crown, government departments or companies wholly owned by the Crown, or
 - (ii) persons acting on behalf of Ministers of the Crown, government departments or companies wholly owned by the Crown, and

- (b) a company is wholly owned by a public authority other than a government department if it has no members except—
 - (i) that public authority or companies wholly owned by that public authority, or
 - (ii) persons acting on behalf of that public authority or of companies wholly owned by that public authority.
- (3) In this section—
 - "company" includes any body corporate;
 - "Minister of the Crown" includes a Northern Ireland Minister.

7 Public authorities to which Act has limited application.

- (1) Where a public authority is listed in Schedule 1 only in relation to information of a specified description, nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to any other information held by the authority.
- (2) An order under section 4(1) may, in adding an entry to Schedule 1, list the public authority only in relation to information of a specified description.
- (3) The [F3Secretary of State] may by order amend Schedule 1—
 - (a) by limiting to information of a specified description the entry relating to any public authority, or
 - (b) by removing or amending any limitation to information of a specified description which is for the time being contained in any entry.
- (4) Before making an order under subsection (3), the [F3Secretary of State] shall—
 - (a) if the order relates to the National Assembly for Wales or a Welsh public authority, consult the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (b) if the order relates to the Northern Ireland Assembly, consult the Presiding Officer of that Assembly, and
 - (c) if the order relates to a Northern Ireland department or a Northern Ireland public authority, consult the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.
- (5) An order under section 5(1)(a) must specify the functions of the public authority designated by the order with respect to which the designation is to have effect; and nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to information which is held by the authority but does not relate to the exercise of those functions.
- (6) An order under section 5(1)(b) must specify the services provided under contract with respect to which the designation is to have effect; and nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to information which is held by the public authority designated by the order but does not relate to the provision of those services.
- (7) Nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies in relation to any information held by a publicly-owned company which is excluded information in relation to that company.
- (8) In subsection (7) "excluded information", in relation to a publicly-owned company, means information which is of a description specified in relation to that company in an order made by the [F3Secretary of State] for the purposes of this subsection.
- (9) In this section "publicly-owned company" has the meaning given by section 6.

Textual Amendments

F3 Words in s. 7 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, **Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)**

8 Request for information.

- (1) In this Act any reference to a "request for information" is a reference to such a request which—
 - (a) is in writing,
 - (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
 - (c) describes the information requested.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a request is to be treated as made in writing where the text of the request—
 - (a) is transmitted by electronic means,
 - (b) is received in legible form, and
 - (c) is capable of being used for subsequent reference.

9 Fees.

- (1) A public authority to whom a request for information is made may, within the period for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice in writing (in this Act referred to as a "fees notice") stating that a fee of an amount specified in the notice is to be charged by the authority for complying with section 1(1).
- (2) Where a fees notice has been given to the applicant, the public authority is not obliged to comply with section 1(1) unless the fee is paid within the period of three months beginning with the day on which the fees notice is given to the applicant.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5), any fee under this section must be determined by the public authority in accordance with regulations made by the [F4Secretary of State].
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may, in particular, provide—
 - (a) that no fee is to be payable in prescribed cases,
 - (b) that any fee is not to exceed such maximum as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the regulations, and
 - (c) that any fee is to be calculated in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (5) Subsection (3) does not apply where provision is made by or under any enactment as to the fee that may be charged by the public authority for the disclosure of the information.

Textual Amendments

F4 Words in s. 9 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 9 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 9 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make regulations, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 9 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

10 Time for compliance with request.

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a public authority must comply with section 1(1) promptly and in any event not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt.
- (2) Where the authority has given a fees notice to the applicant and the fee is paid in accordance with section 9(2), the working days in the period beginning with the day on which the fees notice is given to the applicant and ending with the day on which the fee is received by the authority are to be disregarded in calculating for the purposes of subsection (1) the twentieth working day following the date of receipt.
- (3) If, and to the extent that—
 - (a) section 1(1)(a) would not apply if the condition in section 2(1)(b) were satisfied, or
 - (b) section 1(1)(b) would not apply if the condition in section 2(2)(b) were satisfied.

the public authority need not comply with section 1(1)(a) or (b) until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances; but this subsection does not affect the time by which any notice under section 17(1) must be given.

- (4) The [FSSecretary of State] may by regulations provide that subsections (1) and (2) are to have effect as if any reference to the twentieth working day following the date of receipt were a reference to such other day, not later than the sixtieth working day following the date of receipt, as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the regulations.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may—
 - (a) prescribe different days in relation to different cases, and
 - (b) confer a discretion on the Commissioner.
- (6) In this section—

"the date of receipt" means—

- (a) the day on which the public authority receives the request for information, or
- (b) if later, the day on which it receives the information referred to in section 1(3);

"working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the MI Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F5 Words in s. 10 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

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- C10 S. 10(1)(2) modified (1.1.2005) by The Freedom of Information (Time for Compliance with Request) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3364), regs. 3(2), 4(2), 5(2), 6(2)
- C11 S. 10(1)(2) modified (26.6.2009) by The Freedom of Information (Time for Compliance with Request) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1369), reg. 2(2)
- C12 S. 10(1)(2) modified (18.11.2010) by The Freedom of Information (Time for Compliance with Request) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/2768), regs. 1(2), 2

Commencement Information

I2 S. 10 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 10 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make regulations, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 10 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

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11 Means by which communication to be made.

- (1) Where, on making his request for information, the applicant expresses a preference for communication by any one or more of the following means, namely—
 - (a) the provision to the applicant of a copy of the information in permanent form or in another form acceptable to the applicant,
 - (b) the provision to the applicant of a reasonable opportunity to inspect a record containing the information, and
 - (c) the provision to the applicant of a digest or summary of the information in permanent form or in another form acceptable to the applicant,

the public authority shall so far as reasonably practicable give effect to that preference.

- (2) In determining for the purposes of this section whether it is reasonably practicable to communicate information by particular means, the public authority may have regard to all the circumstances, including the cost of doing so.
- (3) Where the public authority determines that it is not reasonably practicable to comply with any preference expressed by the applicant in making his request, the authority shall notify the applicant of the reasons for its determination.
- (4) Subject to subsection (1), a public authority may comply with a request by communicating information by any means which are reasonable in the circumstances.

12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The [F6Secretary of State] may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

(5) The [F6Secretary of State] may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words in s. 12 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

Commencement Information

I3 S. 12 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 12 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make regulations, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 12 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

13 Fees for disclosure where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

- (1) A public authority may charge for the communication of any information whose communication—
 - (a) is not required by section 1(1) because the cost of complying with the request for information exceeds the amount which is the appropriate limit for the purposes of section 12(1) and (2), and
 - (b) is not otherwise required by law,

such fee as may be determined by the public authority in accordance with regulations made by the I^{F7} Secretary of State].

- (2) Regulations under this section may, in particular, provide—
 - (a) that any fee is not to exceed such maximum as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the regulations, and
 - (b) that any fee is to be calculated in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply where provision is made by or under any enactment as to the fee that may be charged by the public authority for the disclosure of the information.

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Commencement Information

I4 S. 13 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 13 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make regulations, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 13 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

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14 Vexatious or repeated requests.

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.
- (2) Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

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Special provisions relating to public records transferred to Public Record Office, etc.

- (1) Where—
 - (a) the appropriate records authority receives a request for information which relates to information which is, or if it existed would be, contained in a transferred public record, and
 - (b) either of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied in relation to any of that information,

that authority shall, within the period for complying with section 1(1), send a copy of the request to the responsible authority.

- (2) The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(b) are—
 - (a) that the duty to confirm or deny is expressed to be excluded only by a provision of Part II not specified in subsection (3) of section 2, and
 - (b) that the information is exempt information only by virtue of a provision of Part II not specified in that subsection.
- (3) On receiving the copy, the responsible authority shall, within such time as is reasonable in all the circumstances, inform the appropriate records authority of the determination required by virtue of subsection (3) or (4) of section 66.
- (4) In this Act "transferred public record" means a public record which has been transferred—
 - (a) to the Public Record Office,

- (b) to another place of deposit appointed by the Lord Chancellor under the M2Public Records Act 1958, or
- (c) to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.
- (5) In this Act—

"appropriate records authority", in relation to a transferred public record, means—

- (a) in a case falling within subsection (4)(a), the Public Record Office,
- (b) in a case falling within subsection (4)(b), the Lord Chancellor, and
- (c) in a case falling within subsection (4)(c), the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland;

"responsible authority", in relation to a transferred public record, means—

- (a) in the case of a record transferred as mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (b) from a government department in the charge of a Minister of the Crown, the Minister of the Crown who appears to the Lord Chancellor to be primarily concerned,
- (b) in the case of a record transferred as mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (b) from any other person, the person who appears to the Lord Chancellor to be primarily concerned,
- (c) in the case of a record transferred to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland from a government department in the charge of a Minister of the Crown, the Minister of the Crown who appears to the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister to be primarily concerned,
- (d) in the case of a record transferred to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland from a Northern Ireland department, the Northern Ireland Minister who appears to the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister to be primarily concerned, or
- (e) in the case of a record transferred to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland from any other person, the person who appears to the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister to be primarily concerned.

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I5 S. 15 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 15(4)(5) in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2; s. 15 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

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M2 1958 c. 51.

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16 Duty to provide advice and assistance.

(1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.

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(2) Any public authority which, in relation to the provision of advice or assistance in any case, conforms with the code of practice under section 45 is to be taken to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (1) in relation to that case.

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Refusal of request

17 Refusal of request.

- (1) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that any provision of Part II relating to the duty to confirm or deny is relevant to the request or on a claim that information is exempt information must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which
 - states that fact,
 - (b) specifies the exemption in question, and
 - states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

(2) Where-

- (a) in relation to any request for information, a public authority is, as respects any information, relying on a claim-
 - (i) that any provision of Part II which relates to the duty to confirm or deny and is not specified in section 2(3) is relevant to the request, or
 - (ii) that the information is exempt information only by virtue of a provision not specified in section 2(3), and
- at the time when the notice under subsection (1) is given to the applicant, the public authority (or, in a case falling within section 66(3) or (4), the responsible authority) has not yet reached a decision as to the application of subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b) of section 2,

the notice under subsection (1) must indicate that no decision as to the application of that provision has yet been reached and must contain an estimate of the date by which the authority expects that such a decision will have been reached.

- (3) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b) of section 2 applies must, either in the notice under subsection (1) or in a separate notice given within such time as is reasonable in the circumstances, state the reasons for claiming
 - that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in disclosing whether the authority holds the information, or
 - that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- (4) A public authority is not obliged to make a statement under subsection (1)(c) or (3) if, or to the extent that, the statement would involve the disclosure of information which would itself be exempt information.

- (5) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 or 14 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice stating that fact.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply where—
 - (a) the public authority is relying on a claim that section 14 applies,
 - (b) the authority has given the applicant a notice, in relation to a previous request for information, stating that it is relying on such a claim, and
 - (c) it would in all the circumstances be unreasonable to expect the authority to serve a further notice under subsection (5) in relation to the current request.
- (7) A notice under subsection (1), (3) or (5) must—
 - (a) contain particulars of any procedure provided by the public authority for dealing with complaints about the handling of requests for information or state that the authority does not provide such a procedure, and
 - (b) contain particulars of the right conferred by section 50.

The Information Commissioner and the Information Tribunal

18 The Information Commissioner and the Information Tribunal.

- (1) The Data Protection Commissioner shall be known instead as the Information Commissioner.
- (2) The Data Protection Tribunal shall be known instead as the Information Tribunal.
- (3) In this Act—
 - (a) the Information Commissioner is referred to as "the Commissioner", and
 - (b) the Information Tribunal is referred to as "the Tribunal".
- (4) Schedule 2 (which makes provision consequential on subsections (1) and (2) and amendments of the M3Data Protection Act 1998 relating to the extension by this Act of the functions of the Commissioner and the Tribunal) has effect.
- (5) If the person who held office as Data Protection Commissioner immediately before the day on which this Act is passed remains in office as Information Commissioner at the end of the period of two years beginning with that day, he shall vacate his office at the end of that period.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not prevent the re-appointment of a person whose appointment is terminated by that subsection.
- (7) In the application of paragraph 2(4)(b) and (5) of Schedule 5 to the M4Data Protection Act 1998 (Commissioner not to serve for more than fifteen years and not to be appointed, except in special circumstances, for a third or subsequent term) to anything done after the passing of this Act, there shall be left out of account any term of office served by virtue of an appointment made before the passing of this Act.

Commencement Information

I6 S. 18 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 18(4) in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1) (i); s. 18(1) wholly in force and s. 18(4) in force for certain further purposes at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)

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(a)(c); s. 18(2)(3)(5)-(7) in force and s. 18(4) in force for certain further purposes at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(a)(b); s. 18 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M3 1998 c. 29. **M4** 1998 c. 29.

Publication schemes

19 Publication schemes.

- (1) It shall be the duty of every public authority—
 - (a) to adopt and maintain a scheme which relates to the publication of information by the authority and is approved by the Commissioner (in this Act referred to as a "publication scheme"),
 - (b) to publish information in accordance with its publication scheme, and
 - (c) from time to time to review its publication scheme.
- (2) A publication scheme must—
 - (a) specify classes of information which the public authority publishes or intends to publish,
 - (b) specify the manner in which information of each class is, or is intended to be, published, and
 - (c) specify whether the material is, or is intended to be, available to the public free of charge or on payment.
- (3) In adopting or reviewing a publication scheme, a public authority shall have regard to the public interest—
 - (a) in allowing public access to information held by the authority, and
 - (b) in the publication of reasons for decisions made by the authority.
- (4) A public authority shall publish its publication scheme in such manner as it thinks fit.
- (5) The Commissioner may, when approving a scheme, provide that his approval is to expire at the end of a specified period.
- (6) Where the Commissioner has approved the publication scheme of any public authority, he may at any time give notice to the public authority revoking his approval of the scheme as from the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which the notice is given.
- (7) Where the Commissioner—
 - (a) refuses to approve a proposed publication scheme, or
 - (b) revokes his approval of a publication scheme,

he must give the public authority a statement of his reasons for doing so.

Commencement Information

I7 S. 19 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 19 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(b) (3); s. 19(5)-(7) in force at 30.11.2002 and s. 19(1)-(4) in force for certain purposes at 28.2.2003 and 30.6.2003 by S.I. 2002/2812, arts, 3, 4, 5 (as amended (1.4.2006) by S.I. 2005/3239, art. 9(2), Sch. 2

para. 8, S.I. 2006/63, art. 3(2)(b) and S.I. 2006/64, art. 3(2)(b)); s. 19(1)-(4) in force for certain further purposes at 31.10.2003, 29.2.2004 and 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/2603, arts. 2, 3, 4; s. 19 in force in so far as not already in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

20 Model publication schemes.

- (1) The Commissioner may from time to time approve, in relation to public authorities falling within particular classes, model publication schemes prepared by him or by other persons.
- (2) Where a public authority falling within the class to which an approved model scheme relates adopts such a scheme without modification, no further approval of the Commissioner is required so long as the model scheme remains approved; and where such an authority adopts such a scheme with modifications, the approval of the Commissioner is required only in relation to the modifications.
- (3) The Commissioner may, when approving a model publication scheme, provide that his approval is to expire at the end of a specified period.
- (4) Where the Commissioner has approved a model publication scheme, he may at any time publish, in such manner as he thinks fit, a notice revoking his approval of the scheme as from the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which the notice is published.
- (5) Where the Commissioner refuses to approve a proposed model publication scheme on the application of any person, he must give the person who applied for approval of the scheme a statement of the reasons for his refusal.
- (6) Where the Commissioner refuses to approve any modifications under subsection (2), he must give the public authority a statement of the reasons for his refusal.
- (7) Where the Commissioner revokes his approval of a model publication scheme, he must include in the notice under subsection (4) a statement of his reasons for doing so.

Commencement Information

S. 20 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 20 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(c)(3); s. 20 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

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PART II

EXEMPT INFORMATION

21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

22 Information intended for future publication.

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
 - (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
 - (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
 - (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).

23 Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters.

- (1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).
- (2) A certificate signed by a Minister of the Crown certifying that the information to which it applies was directly or indirectly supplied by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3) shall, subject to section 60, be conclusive evidence of that fact.
- (3) The bodies referred to in subsections (1) and (2) are—
 - (a) the Security Service,
 - (b) the Secret Intelligence Service,
 - (c) the Government Communications Headquarters,
 - (d) the special forces,
 - (e) the Tribunal established under section 65 of the Regulation of MSInvestigatory Powers Act 2000,
 - (f) the Tribunal established under section 7 of the M6Interception of Communications Act 1985,
 - (g) the Tribunal established under section 5 of the M7Security Service Act 1989,

- (h) the Tribunal established under section 9 of the M8Intelligence Services Act 1994,
- (i) the Security Vetting Appeals Panel,
- (j) the Security Commission,
- (k) the National Criminal Intelligence Service, and
- (l) the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service.
- (4) In subsection (3)(c) "the Government Communications Headquarters" includes any unit or part of a unit of the armed forces of the Crown which is for the time being required by the Secretary of State to assist the Government Communications Headquarters in carrying out its functions.
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

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Marginal Citations
M5 2000 c. 23.
M6 1985 c. 56.
M7 1989 c. 5.
M8 1994 c. 13.
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24 National security.

- (1) Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if exemption from section 1(1)(b) is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, exemption from section 1(1)(a) is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.
- (3) A certificate signed by a Minister of the Crown certifying that exemption from section 1(1)(b), or from section 1(1)(a) and (b), is, or at any time was, required for the purpose of safeguarding national security shall, subject to section 60, be conclusive evidence of that fact.
- (4) A certificate under subsection (3) may identify the information to which it applies by means of a general description and may be expressed to have prospective effect.

25 Certificates under ss. 23 and 24: supplementary provisions.

- (1) A document purporting to be a certificate under section 23(2) or 24(3) shall be received in evidence and deemed to be such a certificate unless the contrary is proved.
- (2) A document which purports to be certified by or on behalf of a Minister of the Crown as a true copy of a certificate issued by that Minister under section 23(2) or 24(3) shall in any legal proceedings be evidence (or, in Scotland, sufficient evidence) of that certificate.
- (3) The power conferred by section 23(2) or 24(3) on a Minister of the Crown shall not be exercisable except by a Minister who is a member of the Cabinet or by the

Attorney General, the Advocate General for Scotland or the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.

26 Defence.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
 - (a) the defence of the British Islands or of any colony, or
 - (b) the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b) "relevant forces" means—
 - (a) the armed forces of the Crown, and
 - (b) any forces co-operating with those forces,

or any part of any of those forces.

(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

27 International relations.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
 - (a) relations between the United Kingdom and any other State,
 - (b) relations between the United Kingdom and any international organisation or international court,
 - (c) the interests of the United Kingdom abroad, or
 - (d) the promotion or protection by the United Kingdom of its interests abroad.
- (2) Information is also exempt information if it is confidential information obtained from a State other than the United Kingdom or from an international organisation or international court.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, any information obtained from a State, organisation or court is confidential at any time while the terms on which it was obtained require it to be held in confidence or while the circumstances in which it was obtained make it reasonable for the State, organisation or court to expect that it will be so held.
- (4) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a)—
 - (a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1), or
 - (b) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which is confidential information obtained from a State other than the United Kingdom or from an international organisation or international court.
- (5) In this section—

"international court" means any international court which is not an international organisation and which is established—

(a) by a resolution of an international organisation of which the United Kingdom is a member, or

(b) by an international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party; "international organisation" means any international organisation whose members include any two or more States, or any organ of such an organisation;

"State" includes the government of any State and any organ of its government, and references to a State other than the United Kingdom include references to any territory outside the United Kingdom.

28 Relations within the United Kingdom.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice relations between any administration in the United Kingdom and any other such administration.
- (2) In subsection (1) "administration in the United Kingdom" means—
 - (a) the government of the United Kingdom,
 - (b) the Scottish Administration,
 - (c) the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, or
 - (d) the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

29 The economy.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
 - (a) the economic interests of the United Kingdom or of any part of the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the financial interests of any administration in the United Kingdom, as defined by section 28(2).
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

30 Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities.

- (1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purposes of—
 - (a) any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained—
 - (i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or
 - (ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it,
 - (b) any investigation which is conducted by the authority and in the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to institute criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct, or
 - (c) any criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct.
- (2) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if—

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- (a) it was obtained or recorded by the authority for the purposes of its functions relating to—
 - (i) investigations falling within subsection (1)(a) or (b),
 - (ii) criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct,
 - (iii) investigations (other than investigations falling within subsection (1)(a) or (b)) which are conducted by the authority for any of the purposes specified in section 31(2) and either by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under any enactment, or
 - (iv) civil proceedings which are brought by or on behalf of the authority and arise out of such investigations, and
- (b) it relates to the obtaining of information from confidential sources.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1) or (2).
- (4) In relation to the institution or conduct of criminal proceedings or the power to conduct them, references in subsection (1)(b) or (c) and subsection (2)(a) to the public authority include references—
 - (a) to any officer of the authority,
 - (b) in the case of a government department other than a Northern Ireland department, to the Minister of the Crown in charge of the department, and
 - (c) in the case of a Northern Ireland department, to the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of the department.
- (5) In this section—

"criminal proceedings" includes—

- (a) proceedings before a court-martial constituted under the M9 Army Act 1955, the M10 Air Force Act 1955 or the M11 Naval Discipline Act 1957 [F8 or a disciplinary court constituted under section 52G of the Act of 1957],
- (b) proceedings on dealing summarily with a charge under the M12 Army Act 1955 or the M13 Air Force Act 1955 or on summary trial under the M14 Naval Discipline Act 1957,
- (c) proceedings before a court established by section 83ZA of the M15Army Act 1955, section 83ZA of the M16Air Force Act 1955 or section 52FF of the M17Naval Discipline Act 1957 (summary appeal courts),
- (d) proceedings before the Courts-Martial Appeal Court, and
- (e) proceedings before a Standing Civilian Court;

"offence" includes any offence under the M18 Army Act 1955, the M19 Air Force Act 1955 or the M20 Naval Discipline Act 1957.

- (6) In the application of this section to Scotland—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(b), for the words from "a decision" to the end there is substituted "a decision by the authority to make a report to the procurator fiscal for the purpose of enabling him to determine whether criminal proceedings should be instituted",
 - (b) in subsections (1)(c) and (2)(a)(ii) for "which the authority has power to conduct" there is substituted "which have been instituted in consequence of a report made by the authority to the procurator fiscal", and

(c) for any reference to a person being charged with an offence there is substituted a reference to the person being prosecuted for the offence.

Textual Amendments

F8 S. 30(5): by 2001 c. 19, s. 38, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 2002/345, art. 2 (subject to art. 3) it is provided that, in s. 29(5), in paragraph (a) of the definition of "criminal proceedings", the words from "or a disciplinary" to "of 1957" are repealed (28.2.2002)

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M9 1955 c. 18.
M10 1955 c. 19.
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M16 1955 c. 19.
M17 1957 c. 53.
M18 1955 c. 18.
M19 1955 c. 19.
M20 1957 c. 53.
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31 Law enforcement.

- (1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
 - (a) the prevention or detection of crime,
 - (b) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders,
 - (c) the administration of justice,
 - (d) the assessment or collection of any tax or duty or of any imposition of a similar nature,
 - (e) the operation of the immigration controls,
 - (f) the maintenance of security and good order in prisons or in other institutions where persons are lawfully detained,
 - (g) the exercise by any public authority of its functions for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2),
 - (h) any civil proceedings which are brought by or on behalf of a public authority and arise out of an investigation conducted, for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2), by or on behalf of the authority by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under an enactment, or
 - (i) any inquiry held under the M21 Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiries (Scotland) Act 1976 to the extent that the inquiry arises out of an investigation conducted, for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2), by or on behalf of the authority by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under an enactment.
- (2) The purposes referred to in subsection (1)(g) to (i) are—
 - (a) the purpose of ascertaining whether any person has failed to comply with the law,

- (b) the purpose of ascertaining whether any person is responsible for any conduct which is improper,
- (c) the purpose of ascertaining whether circumstances which would justify regulatory action in pursuance of any enactment exist or may arise,
- (d) the purpose of ascertaining a person's fitness or competence in relation to the management of bodies corporate or in relation to any profession or other activity which he is, or seeks to become, authorised to carry on,
- (e) the purpose of ascertaining the cause of an accident,
- (f) the purpose of protecting charities against misconduct or mismanagement (whether by trustees or other persons) in their administration,
- (g) the purpose of protecting the property of charities from loss or misapplication,
- (h) the purpose of recovering the property of charities,
- (i) the purpose of securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, and
- (j) the purpose of protecting persons other than persons at work against risk to health or safety arising out of or in connection with the actions of persons at work.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

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M21 1976 c. 14.

32 Court records, etc.

- (1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it is held only by virtue of being contained in—
 - (a) any document filed with, or otherwise placed in the custody of, a court for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter,
 - (b) any document served upon, or by, a public authority for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter, or
 - (c) any document created by—
 - (i) a court, or
 - (ii) a member of the administrative staff of a court,

for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter.

- (2) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it is held only by virtue of being contained in—
 - (a) any document placed in the custody of a person conducting an inquiry or arbitration, for the purposes of the inquiry or arbitration, or
 - (b) any document created by a person conducting an inquiry or arbitration, for the purposes of the inquiry or arbitration.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of this section.

(4) In this section—

- (a) "court" includes any tribunal or body exercising the judicial power of the State.
- (b) "proceedings in a particular cause or matter" includes any inquest or postmortem examination,
- (c) "inquiry" means any inquiry or hearing held under any provision contained in, or made under, an enactment, and
- (d) except in relation to Scotland, "arbitration" means any arbitration to which Part I of the M22 Arbitration Act 1996 applies.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C13 S. 32(2) excluded (7.6.2005) by Inquiries Act 2005 (c. 12), ss. 18(3), 51(1) (with ss. 44, 50); S.I. 2005/1432, art. 2

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M22 1996 c. 23.

33 Audit functions.

- (1) This section applies to any public authority which has functions in relation to—
 - (a) the audit of the accounts of other public authorities, or
 - (b) the examination of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which other public authorities use their resources in discharging their functions.
- (2) Information held by a public authority to which this section applies is exempt information if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the exercise of any of the authority's functions in relation to any of the matters referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to a public authority to which this section applies if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the exercise of any of the authority's functions in relation to any of the matters referred to in subsection (1).

34 Parliamentary privilege.

- (1) Information is exempt information if exemption from section 1(1)(b) is required for the purpose of avoiding an infringement of the privileges of either House of Parliament.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not apply if, or to the extent that, exemption from section 1(1)(a) is required for the purpose of avoiding an infringement of the privileges of either House of Parliament.
- (3) A certificate signed by the appropriate authority certifying that exemption from section 1(1)(b), or from section 1(1)(a) and (b), is, or at any time was, required for the purpose of avoiding an infringement of the privileges of either House of Parliament shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.
- (4) In subsection (3) "the appropriate authority" means—

- (a) in relation to the House of Commons, the Speaker of that House, and
- (b) in relation to the House of Lords, the Clerk of the Parliaments.

35 Formulation of government policy, etc.

- (1) Information held by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales is exempt information if it relates to—
 - (a) the formulation or development of government policy,
 - (b) Ministerial communications,
 - (c) the provision of advice by any of the Law Officers or any request for the provision of such advice, or
 - (d) the operation of any Ministerial private office.
- (2) Once a decision as to government policy has been taken, any statistical information used to provide an informed background to the taking of the decision is not to be regarded—
 - (a) for the purposes of subsection (1)(a), as relating to the formulation or development of government policy, or
 - (b) for the purposes of subsection (1)(b), as relating to Ministerial communications.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).
- (4) In making any determination required by section 2(1)(b) or (2)(b) in relation to information which is exempt information by virtue of subsection (1)(a), regard shall be had to the particular public interest in the disclosure of factual information which has been used, or is intended to be used, to provide an informed background to decision-taking.
- (5) In this section—

"government policy" includes the policy of the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the policy of the National Assembly for Wales;

"the Law Officers" means the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Advocate General for Scotland, the Lord Advocate, the Solicitor General for Scotland and the Attorney General for Northern Ireland;

"Ministerial communications" means any communications—

- (a) between Ministers of the Crown,
- (b) between Northern Ireland Ministers, including Northern Ireland junior Ministers, or
- (c) between Assembly Secretaries, including the Assembly First Secretary,

and includes, in particular, proceedings of the Cabinet or of any committee of the Cabinet, proceedings of the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and proceedings of the executive committee of the National Assembly for Wales;

"Ministerial private office" means any part of a government department which provides personal administrative support to a Minister of the Crown, to a Northern Ireland Minister or a Northern Ireland junior Minister or any part of the administration of the National Assembly for Wales providing

personal administrative support to the Assembly First Secretary or an Assembly Secretary;

"Northern Ireland junior Minister" means a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly appointed as a junior Minister under section 19 of the M23Northern Ireland Act 1998.

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M23 1998 c. 47.

Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) information which is held by a government department or by the National Assembly for Wales and is not exempt information by virtue of section 35, and
 - (b) information which is held by any other public authority.
- (2) Information to which this section applies is exempt information if, in the reasonable opinion of a qualified person, disclosure of the information under this Act—
 - (a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
 - (i) the maintenance of the convention of the collective responsibility of Ministers of the Crown, or
 - (ii) the work of the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, or
 - (iii) the work of the executive committee of the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (b) would, or would be likely to, inhibit—
 - (i) the free and frank provision of advice, or
 - (ii) the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation, or
 - (c) would otherwise prejudice, or would be likely otherwise to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information to which this section applies (or would apply if held by the public authority) if, or to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of a qualified person, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, have any of the effects mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) In relation to statistical information, subsections (2) and (3) shall have effect with the omission of the words "in the reasonable opinion of a qualified person".
- (5) In subsections (2) and (3) "qualified person"—
 - (a) in relation to information held by a government department in the charge of a Minister of the Crown, means any Minister of the Crown,
 - (b) in relation to information held by a Northern Ireland department, means the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of the department,
 - (c) in relation to information held by any other government department, means the commissioners or other person in charge of that department,
 - (d) in relation to information held by the House of Commons, means the Speaker of that House,

- (e) in relation to information held by the House of Lords, means the Clerk of the Parliaments,
- (f) in relation to information held by the Northern Ireland Assembly, means the Presiding Officer,
- (g) in relation to information held by the National Assembly for Wales, means the Assembly First Secretary,
- (h) in relation to information held by any Welsh public authority other than the Auditor General for Wales, means—
 - (i) the public authority, or
 - (ii) any officer or employee of the authority authorised by the Assembly First Secretary,
- (i) in relation to information held by the National Audit Office, means the Comptroller and Auditor General,
- (j) in relation to information held by the Northern Ireland Audit Office, means the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland,
- (k) in relation to information held by the Auditor General for Wales, means the Auditor General for Wales,
- (l) in relation to information held by any Northern Ireland public authority other than the Northern Ireland Audit Office, means—
 - (i) the public authority, or
 - (ii) any officer or employee of the authority authorised by the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland acting jointly,
- (m) in relation to information held by the Greater London Authority, means the Mayor of London,
- (n) in relation to information held by a functional body within the meaning of the M24 Greater London Authority Act 1999, means the chairman of that functional body, and
- (o) in relation to information held by any public authority not falling within any of paragraphs (a) to (n), means—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown,
 - (ii) the public authority, if authorised for the purposes of this section by a Minister of the Crown, or
 - (iii) any officer or employee of the public authority who is authorised for the purposes of this section by a Minister of the Crown.
- (6) Any authorisation for the purposes of this section—
 - (a) may relate to a specified person or to persons falling within a specified class,
 - (b) may be general or limited to particular classes of case, and
 - (c) may be granted subject to conditions.
- (7) A certificate signed by the qualified person referred to in subsection (5)(d) or (e) above certifying that in his reasonable opinion—
 - (a) disclosure of information held by either House of Parliament, or
 - (b) compliance with section 1(1)(a) by either House,

would, or would be likely to, have any of the effects mentioned in subsection (2) shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

Marginal Citations

M24 1999 c. 29.

37 Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours.

- (1) Information is exempt information if it relates to—
 - (a) communications with Her Majesty, with other members of the Royal Family or with the Royal Household, or
 - (b) the conferring by the Crown of any honour or dignity.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).

38 Health and safety.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to—
 - (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or
 - (b) endanger the safety of any individual.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, have either of the effects mentioned in subsection (1).

39 Environmental information.

- (1) Information is exempt information if the public authority holding it—
 - (a) is obliged by regulations under section 74 to make the information available to the public in accordance with the regulations, or
 - (b) would be so obliged but for any exemption contained in the regulations.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).
- (3) Subsection (1)(a) does not limit the generality of section 21(1).

40 Personal information.

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
 - (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
 - (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—

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- (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the M25Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—
 - (i) any of the data protection principles, or
 - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
- (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the M26Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the M27Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject's right of access to personal data).
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny—
 - (a) does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1), and
 - (b) does not arise in relation to other information if or to the extent that either—
 - (i) the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the M28 Data Protection Act 1998 or would do so if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of that Act were disregarded, or
 - (ii) by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the M29Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(a) of that Act (data subject's right to be informed whether personal data being processed).
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section whether anything done before 24th October 2007 would contravene any of the data protection principles, the exemptions in Part III of Schedule 8 to the M30 Data Protection Act 1998 shall be disregarded.
- (7) In this section—

"the data protection principles" means the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the M31Data Protection Act 1998, as read subject to Part II of that Schedule and section 27(1) of that Act;

"data subject" has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act; "personal data" has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act.

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M25 1998 c. 29.

M26 1998 c. 29.

M27 1998 c. 29.

M28 1998 c. 29.

M29 1998 c. 29.

M30 1998 c. 29.

M31 1998 c. 29.

41 Information provided in confidence.

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
 - (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and
 - (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

42 Legal professional privilege.

- (1) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege or, in Scotland, to confidentiality of communications could be maintained in legal proceedings is exempt information.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) in respect of which such a claim could be maintained in legal proceedings.

43 Commercial interests.

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.
- (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).

44 Prohibitions on disclosure.

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it—
 - (a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,
 - (b) is incompatible with any Community obligation, or
 - (c) would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1).

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C14 S. 44 excluded (1.12.2007) by Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (c. 18), ss. 40(1)(2), 74; S.I. 2007/3388, art. 2(f)

PART III

GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF SECRETARY OF STATE, LORD CHANCELLOR AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

45 Issue of code of practice by Secretary of State.

- (1) The [F9Secretary of State] shall issue, and may from time to time revise, a code of practice providing guidance to public authorities as to the practice which it would, in his opinion, be desirable for them to follow in connection with the discharge of the authorities' functions under Part I.
- (2) The code of practice must, in particular, include provision relating to—
 - (a) the provision of advice and assistance by public authorities to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to them,
 - (b) the transfer of requests by one public authority to another public authority by which the information requested is or may be held,
 - (c) consultation with persons to whom the information requested relates or persons whose interests are likely to be affected by the disclosure of information,
 - (d) the inclusion in contracts entered into by public authorities of terms relating to the disclosure of information, and
 - (e) the provision by public authorities of procedures for dealing with complaints about the handling by them of requests for information.
- (3) The code may make different provision for different public authorities.
- (4) Before issuing or revising any code under this section, the [F9Secretary of State] shall consult the Commissioner.
- (5) The [F9Secretary of State] shall lay before each House of Parliament any code or revised code made under this section.

Textual Amendments

F9 Words in s. 45 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

Commencement Information

S. 45 wholly in force at 30.11.2002; s. 45 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make code of practice, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 45 otherwise in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(b)

46 Issue of code of practice by Lord Chancellor.

- (1) The Lord Chancellor shall issue, and may from time to time revise, a code of practice providing guidance to relevant authorities as to the practice which it would, in his opinion, be desirable for them to follow in connection with the keeping, management and destruction of their records.
- (2) For the purpose of facilitating the performance by the Public Record Office, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and other public authorities of their functions under this Act in relation to records which are public records for the purposes of the M32 Public Records Act 1958 or the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, the code may also include guidance as to—
 - (a) the practice to be adopted in relation to the transfer of records under section 3(4) of the M33 Public Records Act 1958 or section 3 of the M34 Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, and
 - (b) the practice of reviewing records before they are transferred under those provisions.
- (3) In exercising his functions under this section, the Lord Chancellor shall have regard to the public interest in allowing public access to information held by relevant authorities.
- (4) The code may make different provision for different relevant authorities.
- (5) Before issuing or revising any code under this section the Lord Chancellor shall consult—
 - [F10(a) the Secretary of State,]
 - (b) the Commissioner, and
 - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor shall lay before each House of Parliament any code or revised code made under this section.
- (7) In this section "relevant authority" means—
 - (a) any public authority, and
 - (b) any office or body which is not a public authority but whose administrative and departmental records are public records for the purposes of the M35 Public Records Act 1958 or the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923.

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 46(5)(a) inserted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, **Sch. 2 para. 12(2)**

Commencement Information

I10 S. 46 wholly in force at 30.11.2002; s. 46 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make code of practice, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 46 otherwise in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(b)

Marginal Citations

M32 1958 c. 51.

M33 1958 c. 51.

M34 1923 c. 20 (N.I.)

M35 1958 c. 51.

47 General functions of Commissioner.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to promote the following of good practice by public authorities and, in particular, so to perform his functions under this Act as to promote the observance by public authorities of—
 - (a) the requirements of this Act, and
 - (b) the provisions of the codes of practice under sections 45 and 46.
- (2) The Commissioner shall arrange for the dissemination in such form and manner as he considers appropriate of such information as it may appear to him expedient to give to the public—
 - (a) about the operation of this Act,
 - (b) about good practice, and
 - (c) about other matters within the scope of his functions under this Act, and may give advice to any person as to any of those matters.
- (3) The Commissioner may, with the consent of any public authority, assess whether that authority is following good practice.
- (4) The Commissioner may charge such sums as he may with the consent of the [FII Secretary of State] determine for any services provided by the Commissioner under this section.
- (5) The Commissioner shall from time to time as he considers appropriate—
 - (a) consult the Keeper of Public Records about the promotion by the Commissioner of the observance by public authorities of the provisions of the code of practice under section 46 in relation to records which are public records for the purposes of the M36Public Records Act 1958, and
 - (b) consult the Deputy Keeper of the Records of Northern Ireland about the promotion by the Commissioner of the observance by public authorities of those provisions in relation to records which are public records for the purposes of the M37Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923.
- (6) In this section "good practice", in relation to a public authority, means such practice in the discharge of its functions under this Act as appears to the Commissioner to be desirable, and includes (but is not limited to) compliance with the requirements of this Act and the provisions of the codes of practice under sections 45 and 46.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in s. 47 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C15 S. 47 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2005) by The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3391), reg. 16(5) (with reg. 3)

Commencement Information

III S. 47 wholly in force at 30.11.2002; s. 47(2)-(6) in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(d); s. 47(1) in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(c)

Marginal Citations

M36 1958 c. 51.

M37 1923 c. 20.

48 Recommendations as to good practice.

- (1) If it appears to the Commissioner that the practice of a public authority in relation to the exercise of its functions under this Act does not conform with that proposed in the codes of practice under sections 45 and 46, he may give to the authority a recommendation (in this section referred to as a "practice recommendation") specifying the steps which ought in his opinion to be taken for promoting such conformity.
- (2) A practice recommendation must be given in writing and must refer to the particular provisions of the code of practice with which, in the Commissioner's opinion, the public authority's practice does not conform.
- (3) Before giving to a public authority other than the Public Record Office a practice recommendation which relates to conformity with the code of practice under section 46 in respect of records which are public records for the purposes of the M38 Public Records Act 1958, the Commissioner shall consult the Keeper of Public Records.
- (4) Before giving to a public authority other than the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland a practice recommendation which relates to conformity with the code of practice under section 46 in respect of records which are public records for the purposes of the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, the Commissioner shall consult the Deputy Keeper of the Records of Northern Ireland.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C16 S. 48 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2005) by The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3391), reg. 16(5) (with reg. 3)

Commencement Information

I12 S. 48 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 48 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 48(1)(2) in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d); s. 48 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2; s. 48 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M38 1958 c. 51.

49 Reports to be laid before Parliament.

- (1) The Commissioner shall lay annually before each House of Parliament a general report on the exercise of his functions under this Act.
- (2) The Commissioner may from time to time lay before each House of Parliament such other reports with respect to those functions as he thinks fit.

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PART IV

ENFORCEMENT

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50 Application for decision by Commissioner.

- (1) Any person (in this section referred to as "the complainant") may apply to the Commissioner for a decision whether, in any specified respect, a request for information made by the complainant to a public authority has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part I.
- (2) On receiving an application under this section, the Commissioner shall make a decision unless it appears to him—
 - (a) that the complainant has not exhausted any complaints procedure which is provided by the public authority in conformity with the code of practice under section 45,
 - (b) that there has been undue delay in making the application,
 - (c) that the application is frivolous or vexatious, or
 - (d) that the application has been withdrawn or abandoned.
- (3) Where the Commissioner has received an application under this section, he shall either—
 - (a) notify the complainant that he has not made any decision under this section as a result of the application and of his grounds for not doing so, or
 - (b) serve notice of his decision (in this Act referred to as a "decision notice") on the complainant and the public authority.
- (4) Where the Commissioner decides that a public authority—
 - (a) has failed to communicate information, or to provide confirmation or denial, in a case where it is required to do so by section 1(1), or
 - (b) has failed to comply with any of the requirements of sections 11 and 17, the decision notice must specify the steps which must be taken by the authority for complying with that requirement and the period within which they must be taken.
- (5) A decision notice must contain particulars of the right of appeal conferred by section 57.
- (6) Where a decision notice requires steps to be taken by the public authority within a specified period, the time specified in the notice must not expire before the end of the period within which an appeal can be brought against the notice and, if such an appeal is brought, no step which is affected by the appeal need be taken pending the determination or withdrawal of the appeal.
- (7) This section has effect subject to section 53.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C17 S. 50 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(4)(9)}

Commencement Information

S. 50 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 50 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 50 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

51 Information notices.

- (1) If the Commissioner—
 - (a) has received an application under section 50, or
 - (b) reasonably requires any information—
 - (i) for the purpose of determining whether a public authority has complied or is complying with any of the requirements of Part I, or
 - (ii) for the purpose of determining whether the practice of a public authority in relation to the exercise of its functions under this Act conforms with that proposed in the codes of practice under sections 45 and 46,

he may serve the authority with a notice (in this Act referred to as "an information notice") requiring it, within such time as is specified in the notice, to furnish the Commissioner, in such form as may be so specified, with such information relating to the application, to compliance with Part I or to conformity with the code of practice as is so specified.

- (2) An information notice must contain—
 - (a) in a case falling within subsection (1)(a), a statement that the Commissioner has received an application under section 50, or
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (1)(b), a statement—
 - (i) that the Commissioner regards the specified information as relevant for either of the purposes referred to in subsection (1)(b), and
 - (ii) of his reasons for regarding that information as relevant for that purpose.
- (3) An information notice must also contain particulars of the right of appeal conferred by section 57.
- (4) The time specified in an information notice must not expire before the end of the period within which an appeal can be brought against the notice and, if such an appeal is brought, the information need not be furnished pending the determination or withdrawal of the appeal.
- (5) An authority shall not be required by virtue of this section to furnish the Commissioner with any information in respect of—
 - (a) any communication between a professional legal adviser and his client in connection with the giving of legal advice to the client with respect to his obligations, liabilities or rights under this Act, or
 - (b) any communication between a professional legal adviser and his client, or between such an adviser or his client and any other person, made in connection with or in contemplation of proceedings under or arising out of this Act (including proceedings before the Tribunal) and for the purposes of such proceedings.

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- (6) In subsection (5) references to the client of a professional legal adviser include references to any person representing such a client.
- (7) The Commissioner may cancel an information notice by written notice to the authority on which it was served.
- (8) In this section "information" includes unrecorded information.

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C18 S. 51 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(5)(9)}

Commencement Information

I14 S. 51 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 51 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 51 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); s. 51 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

52 Enforcement notices.

- (1) If the Commissioner is satisfied that a public authority has failed to comply with any of the requirements of Part I, the Commissioner may serve the authority with a notice (in this Act referred to as "an enforcement notice") requiring the authority to take, within such time as may be specified in the notice, such steps as may be so specified for complying with those requirements.
- (2) An enforcement notice must contain—
 - (a) a statement of the requirement or requirements of Part I with which the Commissioner is satisfied that the public authority has failed to comply and his reasons for reaching that conclusion, and
 - (b) particulars of the right of appeal conferred by section 57.
- (3) An enforcement notice must not require any of the provisions of the notice to be complied with before the end of the period within which an appeal can be brought against the notice and, if such an appeal is brought, the notice need not be complied with pending the determination or withdrawal of the appeal.
- (4) The Commissioner may cancel an enforcement notice by written notice to the authority on which it was served.
- (5) This section has effect subject to section 53.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C19 S. 52 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(6)(9)}

Commencement Information

S. 52 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 52 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 52 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(e), s. 52 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

53 Exception from duty to comply with decision notice or enforcement notice.

- (1) This section applies to a decision notice or enforcement notice which—
 - (a) is served on—
 - (i) a government department,
 - (ii) the National Assembly for Wales, or
 - (iii) any public authority designated for the purposes of this section by an order made by the [F12Secretary of State], and
 - (b) relates to a failure, in respect of one or more requests for information—
 - (i) to comply with section 1(1)(a) in respect of information which falls within any provision of Part II stating that the duty to confirm or deny does not arise, or
 - (ii) to comply with section 1(1)(b) in respect of exempt information.
- (2) A decision notice or enforcement notice to which this section applies shall cease to have effect if, not later than the twentieth working day following the effective date, the accountable person in relation to that authority gives the Commissioner a certificate signed by him stating that he has on reasonable grounds formed the opinion that, in respect of the request or requests concerned, there was no failure falling within subsection (1)(b).
- (3) Where the accountable person gives a certificate to the Commissioner under subsection (2) he shall as soon as practicable thereafter lay a copy of the certificate before—
 - (a) each House of Parliament,
 - (b) the Northern Ireland Assembly, in any case where the certificate relates to a decision notice or enforcement notice which has been served on a Northern Ireland department or any Northern Ireland public authority, or
 - (c) the National Assembly for Wales, in any case where the certificate relates to a decision notice or enforcement notice which has been served on the National Assembly for Wales or any Welsh public authority.
- (4) In subsection (2) "the effective date", in relation to a decision notice or enforcement notice, means—
 - (a) the day on which the notice was given to the public authority, or
 - (b) where an appeal under section 57 is brought, the day on which that appeal (or any further appeal arising out of it) is determined or withdrawn.
- (5) Before making an order under subsection (1)(a)(iii), the [F12]Secretary of State] shall—
 - (a) if the order relates to a Welsh public authority, consult the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (b) if the order relates to the Northern Ireland Assembly, consult the Presiding Officer of that Assembly, and
 - (c) if the order relates to a Northern Ireland public authority, consult the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.
- (6) Where the accountable person gives a certificate to the Commissioner under subsection (2) in relation to a decision notice, the accountable person shall, on doing so or as soon as reasonably practicable after doing so, inform the person who is the complainant for the purposes of section 50 of the reasons for his opinion.

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- (7) The accountable person is not obliged to provide information under subsection (6) if, or to the extent that, compliance with that subsection would involve the disclosure of exempt information.
- (8) In this section "the accountable person"—
 - (a) in relation to a Northern Ireland department or any Northern Ireland public authority, means the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland acting jointly,
 - (b) in relation to the National Assembly for Wales or any Welsh public authority, means the Assembly First Secretary, and
 - (c) in relation to any other public authority, means—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown who is a member of the Cabinet, or
 - (ii) the Attorney General, the Advocate General for Scotland or the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.
- (9) In this section "working day" has the same meaning as in section 10.

Textual Amendments

F12 Words in s. 53 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)

Commencement Information

I16 S. 53 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 53 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make an order, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 53 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Failure to comply with notice.

- (1) If a public authority has failed to comply with—
 - (a) so much of a decision notice as requires steps to be taken,
 - (b) an information notice, or
 - (c) an enforcement notice,

the Commissioner may certify in writing to the court that the public authority has failed to comply with that notice.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, a public authority which, in purported compliance with an information notice—
 - (a) makes a statement which it knows to be false in a material respect, or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material respect, is to be taken to have failed to comply with the notice.
- (3) Where a failure to comply is certified under subsection (1), the court may inquire into the matter and, after hearing any witness who may be produced against or on behalf of the public authority, and after hearing any statement that may be offered in defence, deal with the authority as if it had committed a contempt of court.
- (4) In this section "the court" means the High Court or, in Scotland, the Court of Session.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C20 S. 54 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(9)}

Commencement Information

I17 S. 54 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 54 not in force at Royal assent, see s. 87(3); s. 54 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); s. 54 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

55 Powers of entry and inspection.

Schedule 3 (powers of entry and inspection) has effect.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C21 S. 55 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(9)}

Commencement Information

118 S. 55 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 55 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 55 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(f); s. 55 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

No action against public authority.

- (1) This Act does not confer any right of action in civil proceedings in respect of any failure to comply with any duty imposed by or under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the powers of the Commissioner under section 54.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C22 S. 56 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(7)(9)}

PART V

APPEALS

57 Appeal against notices served under Part IV.

- (1) Where a decision notice has been served, the complainant or the public authority may appeal to the Tribunal against the notice.
- (2) A public authority on which an information notice or an enforcement notice has been served by the Commissioner may appeal to the Tribunal against the notice.

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- (3) In relation to a decision notice or enforcement notice which relates—
 - (a) to information to which section 66 applies, and
 - (b) to a matter which by virtue of subsection (3) or (4) of that section falls to be determined by the responsible authority instead of the appropriate records authority,

subsections (1) and (2) shall have effect as if the reference to the public authority were a reference to the public authority or the responsible authority.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C23 S. 57 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(8)(9)}

Commencement Information

I19 S. 57 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 57 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 57(2) in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(g); s. 57(1)(3) in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2; s. 57(1)(3) otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

58 Determination of appeals.

- (1) If on an appeal under section 57 the Tribunal considers—
 - (a) that the notice against which the appeal is brought is not in accordance with the law, or
 - (b) to the extent that the notice involved an exercise of discretion by the Commissioner, that he ought to have exercised his discretion differently,

the Tribunal shall allow the appeal or substitute such other notice as could have been served by the Commissioner; and in any other case the Tribunal shall dismiss the appeal.

(2) On such an appeal, the Tribunal may review any finding of fact on which the notice in question was based.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C24 S. 58 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(9)}

59 Appeals from decision of Tribunal.

Any party to an appeal to the Tribunal under section 57 may appeal from the decision of the Tribunal on a point of law to the appropriate court; and that court shall be—

- (a) the High Court of Justice in England if the address of the public authority is in England or Wales,
- (b) the Court of Session if that address is in Scotland, and
- (c) the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland if that address is in Northern Ireland.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C25 S. 59 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(9)}

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60 Appeals against national security certificate.

- (1) Where a certificate under section 23(2) or 24(3) has been issued—
 - (a) the Commissioner, or
 - (b) any applicant whose request for information is affected by the issue of the certificate,

may appeal to the Tribunal against the certificate.

- (2) If on an appeal under subsection (1) relating to a certificate under section 23(2), the Tribunal finds that the information referred to in the certificate was not exempt information by virtue of section 23(1), the Tribunal may allow the appeal and quash the certificate.
- (3) If on an appeal under subsection (1) relating to a certificate under section 24(3), the Tribunal finds that, applying the principles applied by the court on an application for judicial review, the Minister did not have reasonable grounds for issuing the certificate, the Tribunal may allow the appeal and quash the certificate.
- (4) Where in any proceedings under this Act it is claimed by a public authority that a certificate under section 24(3) which identifies the information to which it applies by means of a general description applies to particular information, any other party to the proceedings may appeal to the Tribunal on the ground that the certificate does not apply to the information in question and, subject to any determination under subsection (5), the certificate shall be conclusively presumed so to apply.
- (5) On any appeal under subsection (4), the Tribunal may determine that the certificate does not so apply.

Commencement Information

I20 S. 60 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 60 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 60 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

61 Appeal proceedings.

- (1) Schedule 4 (which contains amendments of Schedule 6 to the M39 Data Protection Act 1998 relating to appeal proceedings) has effect.
- (2) Accordingly, the provisions of Schedule 6 to the M40 Data Protection Act 1998 have effect (so far as applicable) in relation to appeals under this Part.

Part VI – Historical records and records in Public Record Office or Public Record Office of Northern

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C26 S. 61 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3(9))}

Commencement Information

I21 S. 61 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 61 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 61 in force for certain purposes at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(c); s. 61(1) in force for certain purposes and s. 61(2) wholly in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(g)(i); s. 61(1) in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M39 1998 c. 29.

M40 1998 c. 29.

PART VI

HISTORICAL RECORDS AND RECORDS IN PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OR PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

62 Interpretation of Part VI.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a record becomes a "historical record" at the end of the period of thirty years beginning with the year following that in which it was created.
- (2) Where records created at different dates are for administrative purposes kept together in one file or other assembly, all the records in that file or other assembly are to be treated for the purposes of this Part as having been created when the latest of those records was created.
- (3) In this Part "year" means a calendar year.

Commencement Information

S. 62 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 62 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 62 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

63 Removal of exemptions: historical records generally.

(1) Information contained in a historical record cannot be exempt information by virtue of section 28, 30(1), 32, 33, 35, 36, 37(1)(a), 42 or 43.

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- (2) Compliance with section 1(1)(a) in relation to a historical record is not to be taken to be capable of having any of the effects referred to in section 28(3), 33(3), 36(3), 42(2) or 43(3).
- (3) Information cannot be exempt information by virtue of section 37(1)(b) after the end of the period of sixty years beginning with the year following that in which the record containing the information was created.
- (4) Information cannot be exempt information by virtue of section 31 after the end of the period of one hundred years beginning with the year following that in which the record containing the information was created.
- (5) Compliance with section 1(1)(a) in relation to any record is not to be taken, at any time after the end of the period of one hundred years beginning with the year following that in which the record was created, to be capable of prejudicing any of the matters referred to in section 31(1).

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

Removal of exemptions: historical records in public record offices.

- (1) Information contained in a historical record in the Public Record Office or the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland cannot be exempt information by virtue of section 21 or 22.
- (2) In relation to any information falling within section 23(1) which is contained in a historical record in the Public Record Office or the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, section 2(3) shall have effect with the omission of the reference to section 23.

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

Decisions as to refusal of discretionary disclosure of historical records.

- (1) Before refusing a request for information relating to information which is contained in a historical record and is exempt information only by virtue of a provision not specified in section 2(3), a public authority shall—
 - (a) if the historical record is a public record within the meaning of the M41Public Records Act 1958, consult the Lord Chancellor, or
 - (b) if the historical record is a public record to which the M42 Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 applies, consult the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister.
- (2) This section does not apply to information to which section 66 applies.

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M41 1958 c. 51.

M42 1923 c. 20 (N.I.).

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66 Decisions relating to certain transferred public records.

- (1) This section applies to any information which is (or, if it existed, would be) contained in a transferred public record, other than information which the responsible authority has designated as open information for the purposes of this section.
- (2) Before determining whether—
 - (a) information to which this section applies falls within any provision of Part II relating to the duty to confirm or deny, or
 - (b) information to which this section applies is exempt information, the appropriate records authority shall consult the responsible authority.
- (3) Where information to which this section applies falls within a provision of Part II relating to the duty to confirm or deny but does not fall within any of the provisions of that Part relating to that duty which are specified in subsection (3) of section 2, any question as to the application of subsection (1)(b) of that section is to be determined by the responsible authority instead of the appropriate records authority.
- (4) Where any information to which this section applies is exempt information only by virtue of any provision of Part II not specified in subsection (3) of section 2, any question as to the application of subsection (2)(b) of that section is to be determined by the responsible authority instead of the appropriate records authority.
- (5) Before making by virtue of subsection (3) or (4) any determination that subsection (1) (b) or (2)(b) of section 2 applies, the responsible authority shall consult—
 - (a) where the transferred public record is a public record within the meaning of the M43Public Records Act 1958, the Lord Chancellor, and
 - (b) where the transferred public record is a public record to which the M44Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 applies, the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister.
- (6) Where the responsible authority in relation to information to which this section applies is not (apart from this subsection) a public authority, it shall be treated as being a public authority for the purposes of Parts III, IV and V of this Act so far as relating to—
 - (a) the duty imposed by section 15(3), and
 - (b) the imposition of any requirement to furnish information relating to compliance with Part I in connection with the information to which this section applies.

Marginal Citations

M43 1958 c. 51.

M44 1923 c. 20 (N.I.).

67 Amendments of public records legislation.

Schedule 5 (which amends the M45Public Records Act 1958 and the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923) has effect.

Commencement Information

S. 67 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 67 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(j)(3); s. 67 in force for certain further purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(j); s. 67 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M45 1958 c. 51.

PART VII

AMENDMENTS OF DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Amendments relating to personal information held by public authorities

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

68 Extension of meaning of "data".

- (1) Section 1 of the M46Data Protection Act 1998 (basic interpretative provisions) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) In subsection (1)—
 - (a) in the definition of "data", the word "or" at the end of paragraph (c) is omitted and after paragraph (d) there is inserted "or
 - (e) is recorded information held by a public authority and does not fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (d);", and
 - (b) after the definition of "processing" there is inserted—

""public authority" has the same meaning as in the Freedom of Information Act 2000;".

- (3) After subsection (4) there is inserted—
 - "(5) In paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in subsection (1), the reference to information "held" by a public authority shall be construed in accordance with section 3(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
 - (6) Where section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 prevents Parts I to V of that Act from applying to certain information held by a public authority, that information is not to be treated for the purposes of paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in subsection (1) as held by a public authority."

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- (4) In section 56 of that Act (prohibition of requirement as to production of certain records), after subsection (6) there is inserted—
 - "(6A) A record is not a relevant record to the extent that it relates, or is to relate, only to personal data falling within paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1)."
- (5) In the Table in section 71 of that Act (index of defined expressions) after the entry relating to processing there is inserted—

'public authority

section 1(1).".

Commencement Information

I24 S. 68 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 68 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 68 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M46 1998 c. 29.

69 Right of access to unstructured personal data held by public authorities.

- (1) In section 7(1) of the M47Data Protection Act 1998 (right of access to personal data), for "sections 8 and 9" there is substituted "sections 8, 9 and 9A".
- F13(2) After section 9 of that Act there is inserted—

"9A Unstructured personal data held by public authorities.

- (1) In this section "unstructured personal data" means any personal data falling within paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1), other than information which is recorded as part of, or with the intention that it should form part of, any set of information relating to individuals to the extent that the set is structured by reference to individuals or by reference to criteria relating to individuals.
- (2) A public authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) of section 7 in relation to any unstructured personal data unless the request under that section contains a description of the data.
- (3) Even if the data are described by the data subject in his request, a public authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) of section 7 in relation to unstructured personal data if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request so far as relating to those data would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 7(1) in relation to the unstructured personal data unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone in relation to those data would exceed the appropriate limit.

- (5) In subsections (3) and (4) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulations, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (6) Any estimate for the purposes of this section must be made in accordance with regulations under section 12(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000."
- (3) In section 67(5) of that Act (statutory instruments subject to negative resolution procedure), in paragraph (c), for "or 9(3)" there is substituted ", 9(3) or 9A(5)".

Textual Amendments

F13 By The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(b), it is provided (19.8.2003) that in s. 69(2), in the inserted s. 9A of the Data Protection Act 1998, in each place for the words "Lord Chancellor" there be substituted the words "Secretary of State"

Commencement Information

I25 S. 69 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 69 in force at Royal Assent to the extent that it confers power to make regulations, see s. 87(1)(m)(3); s. 69 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M47 1998 c. 29.

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

Exemptions applicable to certain manual data held by public authorities.

(1) After section 33 of the M48 Data Protection Act 1998 there is inserted—

"33A Manual data held by public authorities.

- (1) Personal data falling within paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) are exempt from—
 - (a) the first, second, third, fifth, seventh and eighth data protection principles,
 - (b) the sixth data protection principle except so far as it relates to the rights conferred on data subjects by sections 7 and 14,
 - (c) sections 10 to 12,
 - (d) section 13, except so far as it relates to damage caused by a contravention of section 7 or of the fourth data protection principle and to any distress which is also suffered by reason of that contravention,
 - (e) Part III, and
 - (f) section 55.
- (2) Personal data which fall within paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) and relate to appointments or removals, pay, discipline, superannuation or other personnel matters, in relation to—
 - (a) service in any of the armed forces of the Crown,

- (b) service in any office or employment under the Crown or under any public authority, or
- (c) service in any office or employment, or under any contract for services, in respect of which power to take action, or to determine or approve the action taken, in such matters is vested in Her Majesty, any Minister of the Crown, the National Assembly for Wales, any Northern Ireland Minister (within the meaning of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) or any public authority,

are also exempt from the remaining data protection principles and the remaining provisions of Part II."

- (2) In section 55 of that Act (unlawful obtaining etc. of personal data) in subsection (8) after "section 28" there is inserted " or 33A".
- (3) In Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act (exemptions available after 23rd October 2001 but before 24th October 2007) after paragraph 14 there is inserted—
 - "14A (1) This paragraph applies to personal data which fall within paragraph (e) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) and do not fall within paragraph 14(1)(a), but does not apply to eligible manual data to which the exemption in paragraph 16 applies.
 - (2) During the second transitional period, data to which this paragraph applies are exempt from—
 - (a) the fourth data protection principle, and
 - (b) section 14(1) to (3)."
- (4) In Schedule 13 to that Act (modifications of Act having effect before 24th October 2007) in subsection (4)(b) of section 12A to that Act as set out in paragraph 1, after "paragraph 14" there is inserted "or 14A".

Commencement Information

I26 S. 70 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 70 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 70 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M48 1998 c. 29.

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

71 Particulars registrable under Part III of Data Protection Act 1998.

In section 16(1) of the M49Data Protection Act 1998 (the registrable particulars), before the word "and" at the end of paragraph (f) there is inserted—

"(ff) where the data controller is a public authority, a statement of that fact,".

Commencement Information

S. 71 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 71 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 71 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M49 1998 c. 29.

72 Availability under Act disregarded for purpose of exemption.

In section 34 of the M50 Data Protection Act 1998 (information available to the public by or under enactment), after the word "enactment" there is inserted "other than an enactment contained in the Freedom of Information Act 2000".

Marginal Citations

M50 1998 c. 29.

Other amendments

73 Further amendments of Data Protection Act 1998.

Schedule 6 (which contains further amendments of the Data Protection Act 1998) has effect

Commencement Information

I28 S. 73 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 73 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(k) (3); s. 73 in force for certain further purposes at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(d); s. 73 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Power to make provision relating to environmental information.

- (1) In this section "the Aarhus Convention" means the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters signed at Aarhus on 25th June 1998.
- (2) For the purposes of this section "the information provisions" of the Aarhus Convention are Article 4, together with Articles 3 and 9 so far as relating to that Article.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make such provision as he considers appropriate—

- (a) for the purpose of implementing the information provisions of the Aarhus Convention or any amendment of those provisions made in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention, and
- (b) for the purpose of dealing with matters arising out of or related to the implementation of those provisions or of any such amendment.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may in particular—
 - (a) enable charges to be made for making information available in accordance with the regulations,
 - (b) provide that any obligation imposed by the regulations in relation to the disclosure of information is to have effect notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law.
 - (c) make provision for the issue by the Secretary of State of a code of practice,
 - (d) provide for sections 47 and 48 to apply in relation to such a code with such modifications as may be specified,
 - (e) provide for any of the provisions of Parts IV and V to apply, with such modifications as may be specified in the regulations, in relation to compliance with any requirement of the regulations, and
 - (f) contain such transitional or consequential provision (including provision modifying any enactment) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) This section has effect subject to section 80.

75 Power to amend or repeal enactments prohibiting disclosure of information.

- (1) If, with respect to any enactment which prohibits the disclosure of information held by a public authority, it appears to the [F14Secretary of State] that by virtue of section 44(1)(a) the enactment is capable of preventing the disclosure of information under section 1, he may by order repeal or amend the enactment for the purpose of removing or relaxing the prohibition.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
 - "enactment" means—
 - (a) any enactment contained in an Act passed before or in the same Session as this Act, or
 - (b) any enactment contained in Northern Ireland legislation or subordinate legislation passed or made before the passing of this Act;
 - "information" includes unrecorded information.
- (3) An order under this section may do all or any of the following—
 - (a) make such modifications of enactments as, in the opinion of the [F14Secretary of State], are consequential upon, or incidental to, the amendment or repeal of the enactment containing the prohibition;
 - (b) contain such transitional provisions and savings as appear to the [F14Secretary of State] to be appropriate;
 - (c) make different provision for different cases.

Textual Amendments

F14 Words in s. 75 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(c)

76 Disclosure of information between Commissioner and ombudsmen.

(1) The Commissioner may disclose to a person specified in the first column of the Table below any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Commissioner under or for the purposes of this Act or the MSIData Protection Act 1998 if it appears to the Commissioner that the information relates to a matter which could be the subject of an investigation by that person under the enactment specified in relation to that person in the second column of that Table.

TABLE

Ombudsman	Enactment
The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.	The Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13).
The Health Service Commissioner for England.	The Health Service Commissioners Act 1993 (c. 46).
The Health Service Commissioner for Wales.	The Health Service Commissioners Act 1993 (c. 46).
[F15The Health Service Commissioner for Scotland.]	[F15The Health Service Commissioners Act 1993 (c. 46).]
A Local Commissioner as defined by section 23(3) of the Local Government Act 1974. The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	Part III of the Local Government Act 1974 (c. 7).
[F16The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11)]
[F17The Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland.]	[F17Part II of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 30).]
[F17The Scottish Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.]	[F17The Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions)(Complaints of Maladministration) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1351).]
The Welsh Administration Ombudsman.	Schedule 9 to the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38).
The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints.	The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1297 (N.I. 7)).
The Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.	The Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1298 (N.I. 8)).

(2) Schedule 7 (which contains amendments relating to information disclosed to ombudsmen under subsection (1) and to the disclosure of information by ombudsmen to the Commissioner) has effect.

Textual Amendments

F15 S. 76(1): entry repealed (S.) (23.10.2002) by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11), s. 25, Sch. 6 para. 23(2)(a); S.S.I. 2002/467, art. 2

- **F16** S. 76(1): entry inserted (S.) (23.10.2002) by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11), s. 25, **Sch. 6 para. 23(2)(b)**; S.S.I. 2002/467, **art. 2**
- F17 S. 76(1): entry repealed (S.) (23.10.2002) by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11), s. 25, Sch. 6 para. 23(2)(a); S.S.I. 2002/467, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M51 1998 c. 29.

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

IF1876A Disclosure between Commissioner and Scottish Information Commissioner

The Commissioner may disclose to the Scottish Information Commissioner any information obtained or furnished as mentioned in section 76(1) of this Act if it appears to the Commissioner that the information is of the same type that could be obtained by, or furnished to, the Scottish Information Commissioner under or for the purposes of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.]

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 76A inserted (1.1.2005) by The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3089), art. 3(2)

VALID FROM 01/01/2005

77 Offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure.

- (1) Where—
 - (a) a request for information has been made to a public authority, and
 - (b) under section 1 of this Act or section 7 of the M52Data Protection Act 1998, the applicant would have been entitled (subject to payment of any fee) to communication of any information in accordance with that section,

any person to whom this subsection applies is guilty of an offence if he alters, defaces, blocks, erases, destroys or conceals any record held by the public authority, with the intention of preventing the disclosure by that authority of all, or any part, of the information to the communication of which the applicant would have been entitled.

- (2) Subsection (1) applies to the public authority and to any person who is employed by, is an officer of, or is subject to the direction of, the public authority.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be instituted—
 - (a) in England or Wales, except by the Commissioner or by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, except by the Commissioner or by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

S. 77 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 77 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 77 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2002/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M52 1988 c. 29.

78 Saving for existing powers.

Nothing in this Act is to be taken to limit the powers of a public authority to disclose information held by it.

79 Defamation.

Where any information communicated by a public authority to a person ("the applicant") under section 1 was supplied to the public authority by a third person, the publication to the applicant of any defamatory matter contained in the information shall be privileged unless the publication is shown to have been made with malice.

80 Scotland.

- (1) No order may be made under section 4(1) or 5 in relation to any of the bodies specified in subsection (2); and the power conferred by section 74(3) does not include power to make provision in relation to information held by any of those bodies.
- (2) The bodies referred to in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) any part of the Scottish Administration,
 - (c) the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, or
 - (d) any Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions (within the meaning of the M53 Scotland Act 1998).

Marginal Citations

M53 1998 c. 46.

VALID FROM 19/01/2011

[F1980A Information held by Northern Ireland bodies

- (1) This section applies to information held by—
 - (a) the Northern Ireland Assembly,
 - (b) a Northern Ireland department, or
 - (c) a Northern Ireland public authority.

- (2) In their application to information to which this section applies, the provisions of this Act have effect subject to the following modifications.
- (3) Section 2(3) (exemptions not subject to public interest test) is to be read as if paragraph (ea) were omitted.
- (4) Section 37(1) (communications with Her Majesty, etc) is to be read as if for paragraphs (a) to (ad) there were substituted—
 - (") communications with the Sovereign, with other members of the Royal Family or with the Royal Household, or".
- (5) Section 62(1) (meaning of "historical record") is to be read as if the reference to twenty years were a reference to thirty years.
- (6) Section 63 (removal of exemptions: historical records generally) is to be read as if—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for the words from "section" to the end there were substituted "section 28, 30(1), 32, 33, 35, 36, 37(1)(a), 42 or 43",
 - (b) in subsection (2), for the words from "section" to the end there were substituted "section 28(3), 33(3), 36(3), 42(2) or 43(3)", and
 - (c) subsections (2A) to (2F) were omitted.]

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 80A inserted (19.1.2011 for certain purposes and otherwise prosp.) by Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (c. 25), ss. 46(1), 52(2), Sch. 7 para. 6; S.I. 2011/46, art. 3(b)(iv) (with art. 4)

81 Application to government departments, etc.

- (1) For the purposes of this Act each government department is to be treated as a person separate from any other government department.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not enable—
 - (a) a government department which is not a Northern Ireland department to claim for the purposes of section 41(1)(b) that the disclosure of any information by it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by any other government department (not being a Northern Ireland department), or
 - (b) a Northern Ireland department to claim for those purposes that the disclosure of information by it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by any other Northern Ireland department.
- (3) A government department is not liable to prosecution under this Act, but section 77 and paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 apply to a person in the public service of the Crown as they apply to any other person.
- (4) The provisions specified in subsection (3) also apply to a person acting on behalf of either House of Parliament or on behalf of the Northern Ireland Assembly as they apply to any other person.

82 Orders and regulations.

(1) Any power of the ^{F20}. . . Secretary of State to make an order or regulations under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

- (2) A statutory instrument containing (whether alone or with other provisions)—
 - (a) an order under section 5, 7(3) or (8), 53(1)(a)(iii) or 75, or
 - (b) regulations under section 10(4) or 74(3),

shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

- (3) A statutory instrument which contains (whether alone or with other provisions)—
 - (a) an order under section 4(1), or
 - (b) regulations under any provision of this Act not specified in subsection (2)(b), and which is not subject to the requirement in subsection (2) that a draft of the instrument be laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) An order under section 4(5) shall be laid before Parliament after being made.
- (5) If a draft of an order under section 5 or 7(8) would, apart from this subsection, be treated for the purposes of the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament as a hybrid instrument, it shall proceed in that House as if it were not such an instrument.

Textual Amendments

F20 Words in s. 82(1) repealed (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(3)

83 Meaning of "Welsh public authority".

- (1) In this Act "Welsh public authority" means—
 - (a) any public authority which is listed in Part II, III, IV or VI of Schedule 1 and whose functions are exercisable only or mainly in or as regards Wales, other than an excluded authority, or
 - (b) any public authority which is an Assembly subsidiary as defined by section 99(4) of the M54Government of Wales Act 1998.
- (2) In paragraph (a) of subsection (1) "excluded authority" means a public authority which is designated by the [F21Secretary of State] by order as an excluded authority for the purposes of that paragraph.
- (3) Before making an order under subsection (2), the [F21]Secretary of State] shall consult the National Assembly for Wales.

Textual Amendments

F21 Words in s. 83 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(c)

Marginal Citations

M54 1998 c. 38.

84 Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"applicant", in relation to a request for information, means the person who made the request;

"appropriate Northern Ireland Minister" means the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure in Northern Ireland;

"appropriate records authority", in relation to a transferred public record, has the meaning given by section 15(5);

"body" includes an unincorporated association;

"the Commissioner" means the Information Commissioner;

"decision notice" has the meaning given by section 50;

"the duty to confirm or deny" has the meaning given by section 1(6);

"enactment" includes an enactment contained in Northern Ireland legislation;

"enforcement notice" has the meaning given by section 52;

"executive committee", in relation to the National Assembly for Wales, has the same meaning as in the M55 Government of Wales Act 1998;

"exempt information" means information which is exempt information by virtue of any provision of Part II;

"fees notice" has the meaning given by section 9(1);

"government department" includes a Northern Ireland department, the Northern Ireland Court Service and any other body or authority exercising statutory functions on behalf of the Crown, but does not include—

- (a) any of the bodies specified in section 80(2),
- (b) the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service or the Government Communications Headquarters, or
- (c) the National Assembly for Wales;

"information" (subject to sections 51(8) and 75(2)) means information recorded in any form;

"information notice" has the meaning given by section 51;

"Minister of the Crown" has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the M56Crown Act 1975;

"Northern Ireland Minister" includes the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland;

"Northern Ireland public authority" means any public authority, other than the Northern Ireland Assembly or a Northern Ireland department, whose functions are exercisable only or mainly in or as regards Northern Ireland and relate only or mainly to transferred matters;

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the [F22Secretary of State];

"public authority" has the meaning given by section 3(1);

"public record" means a public record within the meaning of the M57 Public Records Act 1958 or a public record to which the M58 Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 applies;

"publication scheme" has the meaning given by section 19;

"request for information" has the meaning given by section 8;

"responsible authority", in relation to a transferred public record, has the meaning given by section 15(5);

"the special forces" means those units of the armed forces of the Crown the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

"subordinate legislation" has the meaning given by subsection (1) of section 21 of the M59 Interpretation Act 1978, except that the definition of that term in that subsection shall have effect as if "Act" included Northern Ireland legislation;

"transferred matter", in relation to Northern Ireland, has the meaning given by section 4(1) of the M60 Northern Ireland Act 1998;

"transferred public record" has the meaning given by section 15(4);

"the Tribunal" means the Information Tribunal;

"Welsh public authority" has the meaning given by section 83.

Textual Amendments

F22 Words in s. 84 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(c)

Marginal Citations

M55 1998 c. 38.

M56 1975 c. 26.

M57 1958 c. 51.

M58 1923 c. 20 (N.I.).

M59 1978 c. 30.

M60 1998 c. 47.

85 Expenses.

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) any increase attributable to this Act in the expenses of the [F23]Secretary of State] in respect of the Commissioner, the Tribunal or the members of the Tribunal
- (b) any administrative expenses of the [F23Secretary of State] attributable to this Act.
- (c) any other expenses incurred in consequence of this Act by a Minister of the Crown or government department or by either House of Parliament, and
- (d) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.

Textual Amendments

F23 Words in s. 85 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(c)

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86 Repeals.

Schedule 8 (repeals) has effect.

Commencement Information

I30 S. 86 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 86 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2000 and in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2001 see s. 87(1)(2); otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

87 Commencement.

- (1) The following provisions of this Act shall come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) sections 3 to 8 and Schedule 1,
 - (b) section 19 so far as relating to the approval of publication schemes,
 - (c) section 20 so far as relating to the approval and preparation by the Commissioner of model publication schemes,
 - (d) section 47(2) to (6),
 - (e) section 49,
 - (f) section 74,
 - (g) section 75,
 - (h) sections 78 to 85 and this section,
 - (i) paragraphs 2 and 17 to 22 of Schedule 2 (and section 18(4) so far as relating to those paragraphs),
 - (j) paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 (and section 67 so far as relating to that paragraph),
 - (k) paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 (and section 73 so far as relating to that paragraph),
 - (l) Part I of Schedule 8 (and section 86 so far as relating to that Part), and
 - (m) so much of any other provision of this Act as confers power to make any order, regulations or code of practice.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act shall come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) section 18(1),
 - (b) section 76 and Schedule 7,
 - (c) paragraphs 1(1), 3(1), 4, 6, 7, 8(2), 9(2), 10(a), 13(1) and (2), 14(a) and 15(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 (and section 18(4) so far as relating to those provisions), and
 - (d) Part II of Schedule 8 (and section 86 so far as relating to that Part).
- (3) Except as provided by subsections (1) and (2), this Act shall come into force at the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed or on such day before the end of that period as the [F24]Secretary of State] may by order appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (4) An order under subsection (3) may contain such transitional provisions and savings (including provisions capable of having effect after the end of the period referred to in that subsection) as the [F24]Secretary of State] considers appropriate.
- (5) During the twelve months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, and during each subsequent complete period of twelve months in the period beginning

with that day and ending with the first day on which all the provisions of this Act are fully in force, the [F24Secretary of State] shall—

- (a) prepare a report on his proposals for bringing fully into force those provisions of this Act which are not yet fully in force, and
- (b) lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament.

Subordinate Legislation Made

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S. 87(3) power partly exercised: 14.5.2001 appointed for specified provisions by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2 S. 87(3) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by {S.I. 2002/2812}, arts. 2-5, Schs. 1-3 (as amended (1.4.2006) by S.I. 2005/3239, art. 9(2), Sch. 2 para. 8, S.I. 2006/63, art. 3(2)(b) and S.I. 2006/64, art. 3(2)(b))
S. 87(3) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by {S.I. 2003/2603}, arts. 2-4, Sch. 1
S. 87(3) power partly exercised: 1.1.2005 appointed for specified provisions by {S.I. 2004/1909}, art. 2
S. 87(3) power fully exercised: 1.1.2005 appointed by {S.I. 2004/3122}, art. 2
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Textual Amendments

F24 Words in s. 87 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(c)

88 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), this Act extends to Northern Ireland.
- (3) The amendment or repeal of any enactment by this Act has the same extent as that enactment.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 3(1)(a)(i).

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

PART I

GENERAL

1 Any government department.

VALID FROM 01/04/2007

[F25] A The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of the functions exercisable by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills by virtue of section 5(1)(a)(iii) of the Care Standards Act 2000.]

Textual Amendments

Sch. 1 para. 1A inserted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 188(3), Sch. 14 para. 69(2)(b); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(w)(gg)

- The House of Commons.
- 3 The House of Lords.
- 4 The Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 5 The National Assembly for Wales.

VALID FROM 02/05/2007

[F265A the Welsh Assembly Government.]

Textual Amendments

Sch. 1 para. 5A inserted by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 87 (the amendment coming into

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force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I. and see ss. 46, 161(5) of Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32))

- 6 The armed forces of the Crown, except
 - the special forces, and
 - any unit or part of a unit which is for the time being required by the (b) Secretary of State to assist the Government Communications Headquarters in the exercise of its functions.

PART II

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

England and Wales

- 7 A local authority within the meaning of the M61Local Government Act 1972, namely-
 - (a) in England, a county council, a London borough council, a district council or a parish council,
 - in Wales, a county council, a county borough council or a community (b) council.

Marginal Citations

M61 1972 c. 70.

- 8 The Greater London Authority.
- 9 The Common Council of the City of London, in respect of information held in its capacity as a local authority, police authority or port health authority.
- 10 The Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple or the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple, in respect of information held in his capacity as a local authority.
- The Council of the Isles of Scilly. 11
- 12 A parish meeting constituted under section 13 of the M62Local Government Act 1972.

Marginal Citations

M62 1972 c. 70.

13 Any charter trustees constituted under section 246 of the M63Local Government Act 1972.

Marginal Citations

M63 1972 c. 70.

A fire authority constituted by a combination scheme under section 5 or 6 of the M⁶⁴Fire Services Act 1947.

Marginal Citations

M64 1947 c. 41.

A waste disposal authority established by virtue of an order under section 10(1) of the M65Local Government Act 1985.

Marginal Citations

M65 1985 c. 51.

VALID FROM 01/04/2008

[F27] 5A An authority established for an area in England by an order under section 207 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (joint waste authorities).]

Textual Amendments

F27 Sch. 1 para. 15A inserted (1.4.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 209(2), 245, Sch. 13 para. 54; S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(o)(p)

A port health authority constituted by an order under section 2 of the M66Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.

Marginal Citations

M66 1984 c. 22.

A licensing planning committee constituted under section 119 of the M67Licensing Act 1964.

Marginal Citations

M67 1964 c. 26.

An internal drainage board which is continued in being by virtue of section 1 of the M68 Land Drainage Act 1991.

Marginal Citations

M68 1991 c. 59.

A joint authority established under Part IV of the M69Local Government Act 1985 (fire services, civil defence and transport).

Marginal Citations

M69 1985 c. 51.

VALID FROM 17/12/2009

[F28] An economic prosperity board established under section 88 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Textual Amendments

F28 Sch. 1 paras. 19A, 19B inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), ss. 119, 149, Sch. 6 para. 94; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 2(b)

VALID FROM 17/12/2009

19B A combined authority established under section 103 of that Act.]

Textual Amendments

F28 Sch. 1 paras. 19A, 19B inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), ss. 119, 149, Sch. 6 para. 94; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 2(b)

- The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.
- A joint fire authority established by virtue of an order under section 42(2) of the M⁷⁰Local Government Act 1985 (reorganisation of functions).

Marginal Citations

M70 1985 c. 51.

A body corporate established pursuant to an order under section 67 of the M71 Local Government Act 1985 (transfer of functions to successors of residuary bodies, etc.).

Marginal Citations

M71 1985 c. 51.

A body corporate established pursuant to an order under section 22 of the M72 Local Government Act 1992 (residuary bodies).

Marginal Citations

M72 1992 c. 19.

The Broads Authority established by section 1 of the M73Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988.

Marginal Citations

M73 1988 c. 4.

A joint committee constituted in accordance with section 102(1)(b) of the M74Local Government Act 1972.

Marginal Citations

M74 1972 c. 70.

A joint board which is continued in being by virtue of section 263(1) of the M75Local Government Act 1972.

Marginal Citations

M75 1972 c. 70.

A joint authority established under section 21 of the M76Local Government Act 1992.

Marginal Citations

M76 1992 c. 19.

A Passenger Transport Executive for a passenger transport area within the meaning of Part II of the M77 Transport Act 1968.

Marginal Citations

M77 1968 c. 73.

- 29 Transport for London.
- The London Transport Users Committee.
- A joint board the constituent members of which consist of any of the public authorities described in paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 20 to 31, 57 and 58.
- A National Park authority established by an order under section 63 of the M78 Environment Act 1995.

Marginal Citations

M78 1995 c. 25.

A joint planning board constituted for an area in Wales outside a National Park by an order under section 2(1B) of the M79 Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Marginal Citations

M79 1990 c. 8.

A magistrates' court committee established under section 27 of the Justices of the M80 Peace Act 1997.

Marginal Citations

M80 1997 c. 25.

35 The London Development Agency.

VALID FROM 19/04/2004

35A A local fisheries committee for a sea fisheries district established under section 1 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.

VALID FROM 01/10/2010

[F2935B] An inshore fisheries and conservation authority for a district established under section 149 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.]

Textual Amendments

Sch. 1 para. 35B inserted (1.10.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. 184, 324, Sch. 14 para. 19; S.I. 2010/2195, art. 3(2)(1)

VALID FROM 01/10/2010

[F3035C] An urban development corporation established under section 135 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980.]

Textual Amendments

F30 Sch. 1 para. 35C inserted (1.10.2010) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/937), art. 2

Northern Ireland

A district council within the meaning of the M81Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

Marginal Citations
M81 1972 c. 9(N.I.).

PART III

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

England and Wales

- A Strategic Health Authority established under section 8 of the National Health Service Act 1977.
- A Health Authority established under section 8 of the M82National Health Service Act 1977.

Marginal Citations
M82 1977 c. 49.

A special health authority established under section 11 of the M83 National Health Service Act 1977.

Marginal Citations M83 1977 c. 49.

A primary care trust established under section 16A of the M84National Health Service Act 1977.

Marginal Citations M84 1977 c. 49.

A Local Health Board established under section 16BA of the National Health Service Act 1977.

40 A National Health Service trust established under section 5 of the M85 National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

Marginal Citations

M85 1990 c. 19.

VALID FROM 01/04/2004

[F3140A An NHS foundation trust.]

Textual Amendments

F31 Sch. 1 para. 40A inserted (1.4.2004 for E.W.) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 34, 199, **Sch. 4 para. 114**, S.I. 2004/759, {art. 2}

A Community Health Council established under section 20 of the National Health Service Act 1977.

VALID FROM 01/09/2003

- A Patients' Forum established under section 15 of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.
- The Dental Practice Board constituted under regulations made under section 37 of the M86 National Health Service Act 1977.

Marginal Citations

M86 1977 c. 49.

The Public Health Laboratory Service Board constituted under Schedule 3 to the M87National Health Service Act 1977.

Marginal Citations

M87 1977 c. 49.

Any person providing primary medical services [F32, primary dental services or primary ophthalmic services]—

- in accordance with arrangements made under section 28C of the National Health Service Act 1977; or
- under a contract under section 28K [F33, 28Q or 28WA] of that Act; (b) in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.

Textual Amendments

- F32 Words in Sch. 1 para. 43A substituted (prosp.) by Health Act 2006 (c. 28), ss. 80(1), 83, Sch. 8 para.
- F33 Words in Sch. 1 para. 43A(b) substituted (prosp.) by Health Act 2006 (c. 28), ss. 80(1), 83, Sch. 8 para. 45(2)(b)
- 44 Any person providing general medical services, general dental services, general ophthalmic services or pharmaceutical services under Part II of the M88 National Health Service Act 1977, in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.

Marginal Citations M88 1977 c. 49.

45 Any person providing personal medical services or personal dental services under arrangements made under section 28C of the M89 National Health Service Act 1977, in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.

Marginal Citations

M89 1977 c. 49.

- IF3445A Any person providing local pharmaceutical services under
 - a pilot scheme established under section 28 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001; or
 - an LPS scheme established under Schedule 8A to the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49),

in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.

Textual Amendments

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F34 Sch. 1 para. 45A inserted (1.7.2002 for W. and 1.1.2003 for E.) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 67, 70, Sch. 5 Pt. 1
      para. 14 (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2002/1475, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1; S.I. 2003/53, art. 2(a)
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45B The Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health.

Northern Ireland

A Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the M90 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

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Marginal Citations
M90 S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).
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A Health and Social Services Council established under Article 4 of the M91 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

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Marginal Citations
M91 S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1).
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A Health and Social Services Trust established under Article 10 of the M92 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

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Marginal Citations
M92 S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1).
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A special agency established under Article 3 of the M93 Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990.

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Marginal Citations
M93 S.I. 1990/247 (N.I. 3).
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The Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services established under Article 26 of the M94Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

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Marginal Citations
M94 S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).
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Any person providing general medical services, general dental services, general ophthalmic services or pharmaceutical services under Part VI of the M95 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.

Marginal Citations

M95 S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

VALID FROM 01/04/2009

[F3551A] The Regional Business Services Organisation established under section 14 of the Health and Social Services (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 1 paras. 51A-51D inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34, Sch. 6 para. 17(2)(b); S.R. 2009/114, art. 2

VALID FROM 01/04/2009

The Patient and Client Council established under section 16 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 1 paras. 51A-51D inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34, Sch. 6 para. 17(2)(b); S.R. 2009/114, art. 2

VALID FROM 01/04/2009

The Regional Health and Social Care Board established under section 7 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 1 paras. 51A-51D inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34, Sch. 6 para. 17(2)(b); S.R. 2009/114, art. 2

VALID FROM 01/04/2009

The Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being established under section 12 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.]

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 1 paras. 51A-51D inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34, Sch. 6 para. 17(2)(b); S.R. 2009/114, art. 2

PART IV

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

England and Wales

The governing body of a maintained school, within the meaning of the M96School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Marginal Citations

M96 1998 c. 56.

VALID FROM 01/09/2010

- [F3652A1) The proprietor of an Academy, in respect of information held for the purposes of the proprietor's functions under Academy arrangements.
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1)—

"Academy arrangements" has the meaning given by section 1 of the Academies Act 2010;

"proprietor" has the meaning given by section 579(1) of the Education Act 1996.]

Textual Amendments

F36 Sch. 1 para. 52A inserted (1.9.2010 for certain purposes and 1.1.2011 otherwise) by Academies Act 2010 (c. 32), ss. 14, 19(2), Sch. 2 para. 10; S.I. 2010/1937, arts. 3, 4, Schs. 2, 3 (with transitional provisions in arts. 5, 6)

- 53 (1) The governing body of—
 - (a) an institution within the further education sector,
 - (b) a university receiving financial support under section 65 of the M97Further and Higher Education Act 1992,
 - (c) an institution conducted by a higher education corporation,
 - (d) a designated institution for the purposes of Part II of the M98 Further and Higher Education Act 1992 as defined by section 72(3) of that Act, or
 - (e) any college, school, hall or other institution of a university which falls within paragraph (b).
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (a) "governing body" is to be interpreted in accordance with subsection (1) of section 90 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 but without regard to subsection (2) of that section,
 - (b) in paragraph (a), the reference to an institution within the further education sector is to be construed in accordance with section 91(3) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992,

- (c) in paragraph (c), "higher education corporation" has the meaning given by section 90(1) of that Act, and
- (d) in paragraph (e) "college" includes any institution in the nature of a college.

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Marginal Citations
M97 1992 c. 13.
M98 1992 c. 13.
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Northern Ireland

- 54 (1) The managers of—
 - (a) a controlled school, voluntary school or grant-maintained integrated school within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the M99 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, or
 - (b) a pupil referral unit as defined by Article 87(1) of the M100 Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1) "managers" has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the M101 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

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Marginal Citations
M99 S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3).
M100 S.I. 1998/1759 (N.I. 13).
M101 S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3).
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- 55 (1) The governing body of—
 - (a) a university receiving financial support under Article 30 of the M102 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993,
 - (b) a college of education maintained in pursuance of arrangements under Article 66(1) or in respect of which grants are paid under Article 66(2) or (3) of the M103 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, or
 - (c) an institution of further education within the meaning of the M104Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1) "governing body" has the meaning given by Article 30(3) of the M105 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

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Marginal Citations
M102 S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12).
M103 S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3).
M104 S.I. 1997/1772 (N.I. 15).
M105 S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12).
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Any person providing further education to whom grants, loans or other payments are made under Article 5(1)(b) of the M106 Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

Marginal Citations M106 S.I. 1997/1772 (N.I. 15).

PART V

POLICE

England and Wales

A police authority established under section 3 of the M107 Police Act 1996.

Marginal Citations M107 1996 c. 16.

The Metropolitan Police Authority established under section 5B of the M108 Police Act 1996.

Marginal Citations M108 1996 c. 16.

A chief officer of police of a police force in England or Wales.

Northern Ireland

The [F37Northern Ireland Policing Board].

Textual Amendments

F37 Words in entry in Sch. 1 Pt. V para. 60 substituted (4.11.2001) by virtue of 2000 c. 32, s. 74, **Sch. 6 para. 25(2)(a)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**

The Chief Constable of the [F38Police Service of Northern Ireland].

Textual Amendments

F38 Words in entry in Sch. 1 Pt. V para. 61 substituted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 74, Sch. 6 para. 25(2) (b); S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, Sch.

Miscellaneous

The British Transport Police.

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The Ministry of Defence Police established by section 1 of the Ministry of Defence Police Act 1987.

Marginal Citations

M109 1987 c. 4.

VALID FROM 01/03/2005

[F3963A The Civil Nuclear Police Authority.

Textual Amendments

F39 Sch. 1 paras. 63A, 63B inserted (E.W.S.) (1.3.2005) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 51(2), 198(2), Sch. 10 para. 18; S.I. 2005/442, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

VALID FROM 01/03/2005

The chief constable of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

Textual Amendments

F39 Sch. 1 paras. 63A, 63B inserted (E.W.S.) (1.3.2005) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 51(2), 198(2), Sch. 10 para. 18; S.I. 2005/442, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

Any person who—

- (a) by virtue of any enactment has the function of nominating individuals who may be appointed as special constables by justices of the peace, and
- (b) is not a public authority by virtue of any other provision of this Act, in respect of information relating to the exercise by any person appointed on his nomination of the functions of a special constable.

X1PART VI

OTHER PUBLIC BODIES AND OFFICES: GENERAL

Editorial Information

X1 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: due to the large number of entries contained in Sch. 1 Pt. VI and the frequency with which it has been amended, separate versions are retained only in respect of amendments whose text does not otherwise appear. Historic information relating to all amendments is reflected in the current version.

[F40The Adjudication Panel for Wales.]

The Adjudicator for the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise.

The Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee.

[F41The Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council.]

[F42]F43The Adult Learning Inspectorate.]]

[F44The Advisory Board on Family Law]

The Advisory Board on Restricted Patients.

The Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products.

[F45The Advisory Committee for Cleaner Coal Technology.]

The Advisory Committee for Disabled People in Employment and Training.

The Advisory Committee for the Public Lending Right.

[F44The Advisory Committee for Wales (in relation to the Environment Agency).]

The Advisory Committee on Advertising.

The Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs.

The Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances.

The Advisory Committee on Business and the Environment.

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments.

The Advisory Committee on Conscientious Objectors.

The Advisory Committee on Consumer Products and the Environment.

The Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens.

The Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards.

An Advisory Committee on General Commissioners of Income Tax.

The Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

The Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances.

The Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites.

An Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace in England and Wales.

The Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food.

[F44The Advisory Committee on NHS Drugs]

The Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes.

[F46The Advisory Committee on Organic Standards.]

The Advisory Committee on Overseas Economic and Social Research.

The Advisory Committee on Packaging.

The Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

The Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment.

[F47The Advisory Committee on Statute Law.]

[F48The Advisory Committee on Telecommunications for the Disabled and Elderly.]

The Advisory Council on Libraries.

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs.

The Advisory Council on Public Records.

The Advisory Group on Hepatitis.

[F49The Advisory Council on Historical Manuscripts.]

[F50The Advisory Council on National Records and Archives.]

[F51The Advisory Group on Medical Countermeasures.]

[F52The Advisory Panel on Beacon Councils.]

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[F53The Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information.]

The Advisory Panel on Standards for the Planning Inspectorate.

The Aerospace Committee.

An Agricultural Dwelling House Advisory Committee.

An Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales.

An Agricultural Wages Committee.

The Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission.

[F54The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board.]

The Airborne Particles Expert Group.

[F55The Air Quality Expert Group.]

The Alcohol Education and Research Council.

[F56The All-Wales Medicines Strategy Group.]

[F57The Ancient Monuments Board for Wales.]

The Animal Procedures Committee.

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

[F44The Apple and Pear Research Council.]

[F58The Appointments Commission.]

[F59The Architects Registration Board.]

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

[F60 The Arts and Humanities Research Council.]

The Arts Council of England.

The Arts Council of Wales.

The Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England [F61 and Wales].

The Auditor General for Wales.

The Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board.

The Bank of England, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of its functions with respect to—

- (a) monetary policy,
- (b) financial operations intended to support financial institutions for the purposes of maintaining stability, and
- (c) the provision of private banking services and related services.

The Better Regulation Task Force.

[F62The Big Lottery Fund]

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

[F63The Board of the Pension Protection Fund.]

[^{F64}Any Board of Visitors established under section 6(2) of the Prison Act 1952.]

The Britain-Russia Centre and East-West Centre.

The British Association for Central and Eastern Europe.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of journalism, art or literature.

The British Coal Corporation.

The British Council.

The British Educational Communications and Technology Agency.

The British Hallmarking Council.

The British Library.

The British Museum.

The British Pharmacopoeia Commission.

[F65The British Potato Council.]

The British Railways Board.

British Shipbuilders.

The British Tourist Authority.

[F66The British Transport Police Authority.]

The British Waterways Board.

The British Wool Marketing Board.

The Broadcasting Standards Commission.

The Building Regulations Advisory Committee.

[F67]F68The Business Incubation Fund Investment Panel.]]

[F69The Care Council for Wales.]

[F70The Care Quality Commission.]

The Central Advisory Committee on War Pensions.

[F71 The Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (UK).]

[F72]F73The Central Police Training and Development Authority.]]

The Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee.

[F74The Certification Officer.]

The Channel Four Television Corporation, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of journalism, art or literature.

[F75The Chemical Weapons Convention National Authority Advisory Committee.]

[F76The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission.]

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service.

[F77The Children's Commissioner.]

[F78The Children's Commissioner for Wales.]

The Civil Aviation Authority.

The Civil Justice Council.

The Civil Procedure Rule Committee.

The Civil Service Appeal Board.

The Civil Service Commissioners.

The Coal Authority.

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.

[F79The Commission for Equality and Human Rights.]

[F80 The Commission for Health Improvement.]

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[F81]Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of its functions exercisable by virtue of paragraph 5(a)(i) of the Care Standards Act 2000.]

[F82The Commission for Integrated Transport.]

The Commission for Local Administration in England.

[F83The Commission for Local Administration in Wales.]

The Commission for the New Towns.

[F84The Commission for Racial Equality.]

[F85Commission for Rural Communities.]

[F86Commission for Social Care Inspection, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of its functions exercisable by virtue of paragraph 5(a)(ii) of the Care Standards Act 2000.]

[F68The Commissioner for Integrated Transport.]

[F87The Commissioner for Older People in Wales]

The Commissioner for Public Appointments.

[F88The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses.]

The Committee for Monitoring Agreements on Tobacco Advertising and Sponsorship.

[F89The Committee of Investigation for Great Britain.]

The Committee on Agricultural Valuation.

The Committee on Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment.

The Committee on Chemicals and Materials of Construction For Use in Public Water Supply and Swimming Pools.

[F90The Committee on Climate Change.]

The Committee on Medical Aspects of Food and Nutrition Policy.

The Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment.

The Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment.

[F91The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management.]

[F92The Committee on Safety of Devices.]

The Committee on Standards in Public Life.

The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment.

The Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants.

The Committee on the Safety of Medicines.

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom.

[F93Communications for Business.]

The Community Development Foundation.

The Competition Commission, in relation to information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.

[F94The Competition Service.]

[F95] A conservation board established under section 86 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.]

The Construction Industry Training Board.

Consumer Communications for England.

[F96]F97The Consumer Council for Postal Services.]]

[F98The Consumer Council for Water]

[F44The Consumer Panel.]

[F99The Consumer Panel established under section 16 of the Communications Act 2003.]

[F89The consumers' committee for Great Britain appointed under section 19 of the M110 Agricultural Marketing Act 1958.]

[F100] The Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine.]

The Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils.

[F101 The Council for the Regulation of Health Care Professionals.]

The Council for Science and Technology.

[F102 The Council on Tribunals.]

[F89The Countryside Agency.]

The Countryside Council for Wales.

[F103] A courts board established under section 4 of the Courts Act 2003.]

The Covent Garden Market Authority.

The Criminal Cases Review Commission.

[F104]F105The Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, in relation to information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.]]

[F106The Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.]

The Criminal Justice Consultative Council.

I^{F107}The Criminal Procedure Rule Committee.l

The Crown Court Rule Committee.

The Dartmoor Steering Group and Working Party.

The Darwin Advisory Committee.

The Defence Nuclear Safety Committee.

The Defence Scientific Advisory Council.

The Design Council.

[F44The Development Awareness Working Group.]

The Diplomatic Service Appeal Board.

[F108 The Director of Fair Access to Higher Education.]

[F109 The Disability Employment Advisory Committee.]

The Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board.

[F84The Disability Rights Commission.]

The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee.

[F110 The Distributed Generation Co-Ordinating Group.]

[FIII The East of England Industrial Development Board.]

The Economic and Social Research Council.

[F44The Education Transfer Council.]

[F112The Electoral Commission.]

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[F44The Energy Advisory Panel]

The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board.

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

[F113 The English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.]

[F89English Nature.]

The English Sports Council.

The English Tourist Board.

The Environment Agency.

[F114The Equal Opportunities Commission.]

[F115 The Ethnic Minority Business Forum.]

The Expert Advisory Group on AIDS.

The Expert Group on Cryptosporidium in Water Supplies.

An Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards.

The Export Guarantees Advisory Council.

[F116The Family Justice Council.]

[F117 The Family Procedure Rule Committee.]

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee.

The Farm Animal Welfare Council.

[F118 The Financial Reporting Advisory Board.]

[F119The Financial Services Authority.]

The Fire Services Examination Board.

The Firearms Consultative Committee.

The Food Advisory Committee.

Food from Britain.

The Football Licensing Authority.

The Fuel Cell Advisory Panel.

[F120 The Fuel Poverty Advisory Group.]

[F44The Further Education Funding Council For Wales]

[F121 The Gaelic Media Service, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of journalism, art or literature.]

[F122Gambling Commission]

[F123 Gangmasters Licensing Authority]

[F124]F97The Gas and Electricity Consumer Council.]]

[F44The Gas Consumers Council]

The Gene Therapy Advisory Committee.

The General Chiropractic Council.

The General Dental Council.

The General Medical Council.

[F125The General Optical Council.]

The General Osteopathic Council.

[F126The General Social Care Council.]

[F127 The General Teaching Council for England.]

[F128 The General Teaching Council for Wales.]

The Genetic Testing and Insurance Committee.

The Government Hospitality Advisory Committee for the Purchase of Wine.

The Government Chemist.

[F129 The Government-Industry Forum on Non-Food Use of Crops.]

The Great Britain-China Centre.

[F130 The Health and Safety Commission.]

The Health and Safety Executive.

[F131 The Health Professions Council]

[F132The Health Protection Agency.]

The Health Service Commissioner for England.

[F83The Health Service Commissioner for Wales.]

[F133 The Hearing Aid Council.]

[F134]Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales or Prif Arolygydd Ei Mawrhydi dros Addysg a Hyfforddiant yng Nghymru].

[F135] Her Majesty's Commissioners for Judicial Appointments.]

The Higher Education Funding Council for England.

The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.

[F45The Hill Farming Advisory Committee.]

[F45The Hill Farming Advisory Sub-committee for Wales.]

[F136The Historic Buildings Council for Wales.]

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England.

The Historic Royal Palaces Trust.

[F65The Home-Grown Cereals Authority.]

[F137 The Homes and Communities Agency.]

[F44The Honorary Investment Advisory Committee.]

The Horserace Betting Levy Board.

The Horserace Totalisator Board.

[F65The Horticultural Development Council.]

Horticulture Research International.

The House of Lords Appointments Commission.

Any housing action trust established under Part III of the MIII Housing Act 1988.

The Housing Corporation.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

The Human Genetics Commission.

[F138 The Human Tissue Authority.]

The Immigration Services Commissioner.

The Imperial War Museum.

[F139] The Independent Advisory Group on Teenage Pregnancy.]

The Independent Board of Visitors for Military Corrective Training Centres.

The Independent Case Examiner for the Child Support Agency.

[F140 The Independent Groundwater Complaints Administrator.]

The Independent Living Funds.

[F141] Any Independent Monitoring Board established under section 6(2) of the Prison Act 1952.]

[F142 The Independent Police Complaints Commission.]

[F143 The Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts.]

[F144The Independent Review Panel for Advertising.]

[F145] The Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products.]

[F146The Independent Scientific Group on Cattle Tuberculosis.]

The Independent Television Commission.

[F44The Indian Family Pensions Funds Body of Commissioners.]

The Industrial Development Advisory Board.

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.

The Information Commissioner.

[F147 Inland Waterways Advisory Council]

The Insolvency Rules Committee.

[F148 The Insurance Brokers Registration Council.]

[F149]The Integrated Administration and Controls System Appeals Panel.]

[F150 The Intellectual Property Advisory Committee.]

Investors in People UK.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

The Joint Prison/Probation Accreditation Panel.

[F151 The Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman.]

[F152The Judicial Appointments Commission.]

The Judicial Studies Board.

The Know-How Fund Advisory Board.

The Land Registration Rule Committee.

The Law Commission.

[F153 The Learning and Skills Council for England.]

[F154The Legal Deposit Advisory Panel]

[F155The Legal Services Board.]

The Legal Services Commission.

[F156The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.]

The Legal Services Consultative Panel.

The Legal Services Ombudsman.

[F157The Library and Information Services Council (Wales).]

[F158The Local Better Regulation Office.]

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

The Local Government Commission for England

A local probation board established under section 4 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

[F159] The London and South East Industrial Development Board.]

The London Pensions Fund Authority.

The Low Pay Commission.

The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee.

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission.

The Measurement Advisory Committee.

[F65The Meat and Livestock Commission.]

[F44The Medical Practices Committee.]

The Medical Research Council.

[F44The Medical Workforce Standing Advisory Committee.]

The Medicines Commission.

[F65The Milk Development Council.]

[F160 The Millennium Commission.]

The Museum of London.

The National Army Museum.

The National Audit Office.

The National Biological Standards Board (UK).

[F161 The National Care Standards Commission.]

I^{F97}The National Consumer Council.1

[F162 The National Consumer Council.]

[F163]F164The National Council for Education and Training for Wales.]]

[F165 The National Crime Squad.]

The National Employers' Liaison Committee.

[F166The National Employment Panel.]

The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts.

[F68The National Expert Group on Transboundary Air Pollution.]

[F167 The National Forest Company.]

The National Gallery.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund.

[F168 The National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care.]

The National Library of Wales.

[F160 The National Lottery Charities Board.]

The National Lottery Commission.

The National Maritime Museum.

The National Museum of Science and Industry.

The National Museums and Galleries of Wales.

The National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.

[F169 The National Policing Improvement Agency.]

The National Portrait Gallery.

[F170 The National Radiological Protection Board.]

[F171 Natural England.]

The Natural Environment Research Council.

The Natural History Museum.

The New Deal Task Force.

[F172The New Opportunities Fund.]

[F173The North East Industrial Development Board.]

[F174 The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman.]

[F175The North West Industrial Development Board.]

[F176The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.]

[F177The Nuclear Research Advisory Council.]

[F178 The Nursing and Midwifery Council.]

[F179 The Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority.]

[F180 The Office of Communications.]

[F181 The Office of Government Commerce.]

[F182The Office of Manpower Economics.]

[F183 Office for Tenants and Social Landlords.]

The Oil and Pipelines Agency.

[F184The Olympic Delivery Authority.]

[F185 The Olympic Lottery Distributor]

I^{F186}The Ombudsman for the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.]

The OSO Board.

The Overseas Service Pensions Scheme Advisory Board.

The Panel on Standards for the Planning Inspectorate.

The Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England.

The Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Scotland.

The Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Wales.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

The Parole Board.

The Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council.

[F187 The Patient Information Advisory Group.]

[F188 The Pensions Compensation Board.]

The Pensions Ombudsman.

[F189 The Pensions Regulator.]

[F190 The Personal Accounts Delivery Authority]

[F191 The Pesticide Residues Committee.]

[F192 The Pesticides Forum.]

[F68The Pharmacists' Review Panel.]

[F44The Place Names Advisory Committee]

The Poisons Board.

[F193 The Police Advisory Board for England and Wales.]

[F194The Police Complaints Authority.]

[F195 The Police Information Technology Organisation.]

The Police Negotiating Board.

The Political Honours Scrutiny Committee.

The Post Office.

[F44The Post Office Users Councils for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.]

[F44The Post Office Users National Council.]

I^{F196}The Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board.1

[F197The Prison Service Pay Review Body.]

[F198 A probation trust.]

[F45The Property Advisory Group.]

[F199 The Public Private Partnership Agreement Arbiter.]

[F200 The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales]

[F201 The Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales.]

The Qualifications Curriculum Authority

The Race Education and Employment Forum.

The Race Relations Forum.

The Radio Authority.

The Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee.

[F202] F203 Any Rail Passengers' Committee established under section 2(2) of the Railways Act 1993.]

A Regional Cultural Consortium.

Any regional development agency established under the M112Regional Development Agencies Act 1998, other than the London Development Agency.

Any regional flood defence committee.

[F204The Registrar General for England and Wales.]

[F179 The Registrar of Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes.]

The Registrar of Public Lending Right.

Remploy Ltd.

The Renewable Energy Advisory Committee.

[F205 The Renewables Advisory Board.]

Resource: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries.

The Review Board for Government Contracts.

The Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine.

The Review Body on Doctors and Dentists Remuneration.

The Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art.

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The Royal Air Force Museum.

The Royal Armouries.

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

[F206The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in respect of information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.]

The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.

The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

[F207The Royal Hospital at Chelsea.]

[F45The Royal Military College of Science Advisory Council.]

The Royal Mint Advisory Committee on the Design of Coins, Medals, Seals and Decorations.

[F208The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, in respect of information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.]

The School Teachers' Review Body.

[F209 The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition.]

The Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health.

[F210 The Scottish Advisory Committee on Telecommunications.]

[F211 The Scottish Committee of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council.]

[F212 The Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals.]

The Sea Fish Industry Authority.

[F213 The Security Industry Authority]

The Senior Salaries Review Body.

The Sentencing Advisory Panel

[F214The Sentencing Guidelines Council.]

[F215] The Service Authority for the National Crime Squad.]

Sianel Pedwar Cymru, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of journalism, art or literature.

Sir John Soane's Museum.

[F45The Skills Task Force.]

[F216The Small Business Council.]

I^{F217}The Small Business Investment Task Force.

[F218 The Social Care Institute for Excellence.]

The social fund Commissioner appointed under section 65 of the M113 Social Security Administration Act 1992.

The Social Security Advisory Committee.

The Social Services Inspectorate for Wales Advisory Group.

[F219 The South West Industrial Development Board.]

[F220 The Specialist Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Research.]

The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee.

The Sports Council for Wales.

[F221 The Standards Board for England.]

The Standing Advisory Committee on Industrial Property.

The Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment.

The Standing Dental Advisory Committee.

[F68 The Standing Medical Advisory Committee.]

[F68The Standing Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee.]

[F68The Standing Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee.]

[F222 F223 The Statistics Commission.]]

The Steering Committee on Pharmacy Postgraduate Education.

[F224The Strategic Investment Board.]

[F225 F226 The Strategic Rail Authority.]]

The subsidence adviser appointed under section 46 of the MII4Coal Industry Act 1994.

The Substance Misuse Advisory Panel.

The Sustainable Development Commission.

[F44The Sustainable Development Education Panel.]

[F227 The Sustainable Energy Policy Advisory Board.]

The Tate Gallery.

[F228 The TB Advisory Group]

[F229 The Teacher Training Agency.]

[F230 The Technical Advisory Board.]

The Theatres Trust.

The Traffic Commissioners, in respect of information held by them otherwise than as a tribunal.

[F231 The Training and Development Agency for Schools.]

The Treasure Valuation Committee.

The UK Advisory Panel for Health Care Workers Infected with Bloodborne Viruses.

[F232 The UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum.]

[F233 The UK Commission for Employment and Skills]

The UK Sports Council.

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

I^{F234}The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.]

[F45The United Kingdom Register of Organic Food Standards.]

The United Kingdom Xenotransplantation Interim Regulatory Authority.

[F235The University for Industry.]

The Unlinked Anonymous Serosurveys Steering Group.

The Unrelated Live Transplant Regulatory Authority.

The Urban Regeneration Agency.

[F236The Valuation Tribunal Service.]

 $[^{F237}$ The verderers of the New Forest, in respect of information held by them otherwise than as a tribunal.]

The Veterinary Products Committee.

[F238The Veterinary Residues Committee.]

The Victoria and Albert Museum.

[F239The Wales Centre for Health.]

[F44The Wales New Deal Advisory Task Force.]

[F240 The Wales Tourist Board.]

The Wallace Collection.

The War Pensions Committees.

The Water Regulations Advisory Committee.

[F241The Welsh Administration Ombudsman.]

[F242 The Welsh Advisory Committee on Telecommunications.]

The Welsh Committee for Professional Development of Pharmacy.

[F243] The Welsh Committee of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council.]

The Welsh Dental Committee.

[F244The Welsh Development Agency.]

The Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board.

The Welsh Language Board.

The Welsh Medical Committee.

[F245The Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.]

The Welsh Nursing and Midwifery Committee.

The Welsh Optometric Committee.

The Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee.

The Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee.

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

[F246The West Midlands Industrial Development Board.]

The Wilton Park Academic Council.

The Wine Standards Board of the Vintners' Company.

The Women's National Commission.

[F247]The Yorkshire and the Humber and the East Midlands Industrial Development Board.]

The Youth Justice Board for England and Wales.

The Zoos Forum.

Textual Amendments

- **F40** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- **F41** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.11.2007) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), ss. 48(1), 148(5), **Sch. 8 para. 53**; S.I. 2007/2709, **art. 3(b)(ii)**
- F42 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F43** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 184, 188(3), Sch. 14 para. 69(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2007/935, **art. 5(w)(z)(gg)(ii)**
- F44 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry removed (11.8.2003) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1883), art. 2, Sch.
- F45 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entries removed (29.6.2004) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1641), art. 2, Sch. 1

- F46 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F47 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F48 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F49 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F50 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F51 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F52 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F53 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F54 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (29.2.2008) by The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576), art. 18, Sch. 5 para. 5
- F55 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F56 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F57 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by The Ancient Monuments Board for Wales (Abolition) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/64), art. 3(1)(b)(iii)
- F58 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.10.2006) by Health Act 2006 (c. 28), ss. 80(1), 83, Sch. 8 para. 45(3); S.I. 2006/2603, art. 4(5)(c)(ii)
- F59 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F60 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (16.12.2004) by Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8), ss. 49, 52(2), Sch. 6 para. 10; S.I. 2004/3255, art. 2
- **F61** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: words in entry repealed (1.4.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 146(3), 241, 245, Sch. 9 para. 1(1)(2)(q), **Sch. 18 Pt. 9**; S.I. 2008/172, **art. 4(a)(n)** (i) (as amended by S.I. 2008/337)
- **F62** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (2.6.2008) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1271), art. 2, **Sch.**
- **F63** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319(1), 322, **Sch. 12 para. 79**; S.I. 2005/275, **art. 2(7)**, Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))
- F64 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.11.2007) by Offender Management Act 2007 (c. 21), ss. 39, 41(1), Sch. 5 Pt. 2; S.I. 2007/3001, art. 2(1)(p)(t)(v)
- **F65** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entries repealed (1.4.2008) by The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576), art. 18, **Sch. 5 para. 7** (with Sch. 4 para. 10)
- F66 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F67 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F68** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry removed (7.2.2006) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3594), art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- **F69** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- F70 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.10.2008) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 73(b); S.I. 2008/2497, art. 2(q)(viii)
- F71 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2002) by The Abolition of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/797), art. 2(c)

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- F72 Entry in Sch. 1 Pt. VI inserted (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 102, Sch. 4 para. 8; S. I. 2002/533, art. 2
- F73 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2007) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), ss. 52, 53, Sch. 15 Pt. 1(A); S.I. 2007/709, art. 3(o)(q) (subject to arts. 6, 7)
- F74 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F75 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F76 Words in Sch. 1 Pt. VI inserted (10.6.2008 for specified purposes and 24.7.2008 otherwise) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), ss. 1, 62, Sch. 1 para. 29; S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(1); S.I. 2008/2033, art. 2(1)
- F77 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.6.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F78 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F79 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (18.4.2006) by Equality Act 2006 (c. 3), ss. 2, 93, Sch. 1 para. 48 (with s. 92); S.I. 2006/1082, art. 2(a)(l)
- **F80** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2004 for E.W.) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 196, 199, Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13
- **F81** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (8.1.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 147, 199, **Sch. 9 para. 31**; S.I. 2003/3346, **art. 5(b)**
- F82 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F83** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10), ss. 39, 40, Sch. 6 para. 71(a), Sch. 7; S.I. 2005/2800, art. 5(1) (with art. 5(2), Sch. 2)
- F84 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.10.2007) by Equality Act 2006 (c. 3), ss. 40, 91, 93(1), Sch. 3 para. 60, Sch. 4 (with s. 92); S.I. 2007/2603, art. 2(a)(d) (subject to art. 3)
- F85 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (2.5.2006 for E.W. and 1.10.2006 otherwise) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, {Sch. 11 para. 153(2)}; S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2
- F86 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.1.2004 for E.) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss.147, 199, Sch. 9 para. 31; S.I. 2003/3346, art. 3(b)
- F87 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (14.10.2006) by Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 30), ss. 1(2), 23, Sch. 1 para. 21(b); S.I. 2006/2699, art. 2
- F88 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F89 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 c. 16), ss. 105, 107, Sch. 11 para. 153(3), {Sch. 12}; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2
- F90 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (26.11.2008) by Climate Change Act 2008 (c. 27), ss. 32, 100, Sch. 1 para. 33
- F91 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F92 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F93 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F94 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F95 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.6.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F96 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F97 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry repealed (1.10.2008) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), ss. 64, 66(2), Sch. 8; S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2(subject to art. 3)

- F98 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (2.6.2008) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1271), art. 2, Sch.
- F99 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(1)(7), 411(2), Sch. 17 para. 164 (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to art. 3(3) and with art. 11)
- **F100** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted by virtue of The Health Professions Order 2001 (S.I. 2002/254), art. 48(3), Sch. 4 para. 9 (with art. 3(19)) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.)
- **F101** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.12.2002) by National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), s. 25(4), Sch. 7 para. 24; S.I. 2002/2202, art. 2(2)(b)
- **F102** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.11.2007) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), ss. 146, 148, Sch. 23 Pt. 1; S.I. 2007/2709, art. 3(d)(vii)
- F103 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F104 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F105** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (3.11.2008) by virtue of The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2833), art. 9(1), **Sch. 3 para. 188**
- F106 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F107 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F108 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.7.2004) by Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8), ss. 49, 52(1), Sch. 6 para. 10
- F109 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F110 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F111 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F112 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F113 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (S.I. 2002/253), art. 54(3), Sch. 5 para. 17(a) (with art. 3(18))
- **F114** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.10.2007) by Equality Act 2006 (c. 3), ss. 40, 91, 93(1), Sch. 3 para. 60, Sch. 4 (with s. 92); S.I. 2007/2603, art. 2(a)(d) (subject to art. 3)
- F115 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F116 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F117 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F118 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F119 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F120 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F121 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F122** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry for "Gambling Commission" substituted (1.10.2005) for entry for "Gaming Board of Great Britain" by Gambling Act 2005 (c. 19), ss. 356(1), 358(1), Sch. 16 para. 16 (with ss. 352, 354, Sch. 16 para. 21); S.I. 2005/2455, art. 2(1), Sch.

- **F123** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.12.2004) by Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 (c. 11), ss. 1(6), 29(1), Sch. 1 para. 6; S.I. 2004/2857, arts. 1(1), 2(a)(l)
- F124 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F125 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F126 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F127 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F128 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F129 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F130 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (1.4.2008) by virtue of The Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/960), art. 22, Sch. 3
- F131 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3)) by The Health Professions Order 2001 (2002/254), art. 48(3), {Sch. 4 para. 9} (with art. 3(19))
- F132 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.4.2005) by Health Protection Agency Act 2004 (c. 17), ss. 11(1), 12, Sch. 3 para. 15; S.I. 2005/121, art. 2(2)
- F133 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F134 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry substituted (1.1.2001) by virtue of 2000 c. 21, s. 73(3)(a); S.I. 2000/3230, art. 2, Sch.
- F135 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F136 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by The Historic Buildings Council for Wales (Abolition) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/63), art. 3(1)(c)(iii)
- **F137** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (8.9.2008) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), ss. 56, 325, Sch. 8 para. 77(2); S.I. 2008/2358, art. 2(1)(2)
- **F138** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.4.2005) by Human Tissue Act 2004 (c. 30), ss. 13(2), 60(2), **Sch. 2 para.** 27 (with s. 37(7)); S.I. 2005/919, **art. 3**, Sch. (with art. 2)
- F139 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F140** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F141 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.11.2007) by Offender Management Act 2007 (c. 21), ss. 39, 41(1), Sch. 3 para. 10; S.I. 2007/3001, art. 2(1)(p)(r)
- **F142** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.4.2004) by Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30), ss. 107, 108(2)-(5), Sch. 7 para. 23(a); S.I. 2004/913, art. 2(e)
- F143 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F144 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F145 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
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- **F147** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry substituted (1.4.2007) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, Sch. 11 para. 175; S.I. 2007/816, art. 2(b)
- **F148** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (30.4.2001) by virtue of S.I. 2001/1283, art. 3(7)
- F149 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1

- F150 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
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- **F152** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 61(2), 148, Sch. 12 para. 36(3); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 15
- F153 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F154 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (2.6.2008) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1271), art. 2, Sch.
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- F156 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F157 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (W.) (1.4.2004) by The Library Advisory Council for Wales Abolition and Consequential Amendments Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/803), art. 3(3)
- F158 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.10.2008) by Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (c. 13), ss. 1, 76, Sch. 1 para. 19; S.I. 2008/2371, art. 2(a)
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- F161 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F162 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (21.12.2007) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), ss. 1(4), 66(2), Sch. 1 para. 35 (with s. 6(9)); S.I. 2007/3546, art. 3, Sch. and expressed to be inserted (1.10.2010) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/937), arts. 1(2), 3, Sch. Pt. 1
- F163 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F164** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (1.4.2006) by virtue of The National Council for Education and Training for Wales (Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3238), art. 9(1), **Sch. 1 para. 85** (with art. 7)
- **F165** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 174(2), 178, Sch. 4 para. 160, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, **art. 4(1)**, Sch. para. 13(kk) (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
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- **F169** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.4.2007) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), ss. 1(3), 53, **Sch. 1 para.** 74; S.I. 2007/709, art. 3(a) (subject to arts. 6, 7)
- **F170** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2005) by Health Protection Agency Act 2004 (c. 17), ss. 11(2), 12, Sch. 4; S.I. 2005/121, art. 2(2)
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- F172 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.12.2006) by National Lottery Act 2006 (c. 23), ss. 21, 22, Sch. 3; S.I. 2006/3201, art. 2(e)
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- **F184** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (30.3.2006) by London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (c. 12), ss. 3(2), 40(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 23**
- F185 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (2.6.2008) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1271), art. 2, Sch.
- **F186** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319(1), 322, **Sch. 12 para. 79**; S.I. 2005/275, **art. 2(7)**, Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))
- F187 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (11.5.2001) by 2001 c. 15, s. 67, Sch. 5 Pt. 3 para. 18 (with ss. 64(9), 65(4))
- **F188** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.9.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 320, 322, **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/1720, **art. 2(16)**, Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 4, 5)
- **F189** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319(1), 322, **Sch. 12 para. 79**; S.I. 2005/275, **art. 2(7)**, Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))
- F190 Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (26.7.2007) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 20, 30(1)(c), Sch. 6 para. 23 and expressed to be inserted (1.10.2010) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/937), arts. 1(2), 3, Sch. Pt. 1
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- **F210** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6)(7), 411(2), Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to art. 3(3) and with art. 11)
- **F211** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.11.2007) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), ss. 48(1), 148(5), Sch. 8 para. 53; S.I. 2007/2709, art. 3(b)(ii)
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- F213 Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 12, ss. 1, 26, Sch. 1 para. 23; S.I. 2002/3125, art. 3(d)
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- **F215** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 174(2), 178, Sch. 4 para. 160, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, **art. 4(1)**, Sch. para. 13(kk) (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
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 - **F226** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.12.2006) by Railways Act 2005 (c. 14), ss. 59(6)(7), 60, **Sch. 13** (with s. 14(4)(5), Sch. 11 para. 11(2)); S.I. 2006/2911, **art. 2**, Sch. (subject to arts. 3-7)
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 - **F239** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry inserted (1.4.2005) by Health (Wales) Act 2003 (c. 4), ss. 7(1), 10(2), **Sch. 3 para.** 15; S.I. 2003/2660, art. 3(2)
 - **F240** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted (1.4.2006) by virtue of The Wales Tourist Board (Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3225), arts. 1(2), 2, 6(2), Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 5 (with art. 3(1))
 - **F241** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10), ss. 39, 40, Sch. 6 para. 71(a), **Sch. 7**; S.I. 2005/2800, **art. 5(1)** (with art. 5(2), Sch. 2)
 - **F242** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6)(7), 411(2), Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to art. 3(3) and with art. 11)
 - **F243** Sch. 1 Pt. VI: entry inserted (1.6.2008) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), ss. 48(1), 148(5), Sch. 8 para. 53; S.I. 2007/2709, art. 6(b)(ii)
 - **F244** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry repealed (1.4.2006) by The Welsh Development Agency (Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3226), arts. 1(2), 2, 7(1)(b), Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 13 (with art. 3(1))
 - **F245** Sch. 1 Pt. 6: entry omitted by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (S.I. 2002/253), art. 54(3), **Sch. 5 para. 17** (with art. 3(18)) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) (3) of the amending S.I.)
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[F248] An advisory committee established under paragraph 25 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.]

The Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace in Northern Ireland.

The Advisory Committee on Pesticides for Northern Ireland.

The Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland.

[F252The Agri-food and Biosciences Institute]

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.

[F253The Attorney General for Northern Ireland.]

I^{F254}The Belfast Harbour Commissioners.l

The Board of Trustees of National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland.

The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.

[F256] A central advisory committee established under paragraph 24 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.]

[F257 The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland.]

The Charities Advisory Committee.

[F258The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland]

The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland.

[F259 The Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.]

The Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland.

[F260 Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta.]

[F261 The Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland]

[F262] The Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland]

[F263 The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland]

The Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland.

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The Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside.

The County Court Rules Committee (Northern Ireland).

[F266 The Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for Northern Ireland, in relation to information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.]

[F267] A development corporation established under Part III of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003]

The Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Committee.

[F269 F270 A district policing partnership.]]

The Drainage Council for Northern Ireland.

An Education and Library Board established under Article 3 of the M116Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee (Northern Ireland).

The General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

[F274The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland.]

[F275 The Governors of the Armargh Observatory and Planetarium.]

[F276The Harbour of Donaghadee Commissioners.]

The Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland.

The Historic Buildings Council.

The Historic Monuments Council.

The Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland.

The Independent Commissioner for Holding Centres.

[F277 The Independent Financial Review Panel]

 $[^{F278}$ An independent monitoring board appointed under section 10 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953.]

The Independent Reviewer of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act.

[F280 Invest Northern Ireland]

The Labour Relations Agency.

The Lay Observer for Northern Ireland.

[F285]F281The Learning and Skills Advisory Board.]]

[F287] F288 The Life Sentence Review Commissioners appointed under Article 3 of the Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.]]

The Livestock & Meat Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Local Government Staff Commission.

[F289 The Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.]

The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee (Northern Ireland).

The Northern Ireland Audit Office.

[F292 The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation.]

The Northern Ireland Building Regulations Advisory Committee.

The Northern Ireland Civil Service Appeal Board.

The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints.

The Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.

The Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment.

[F293 The Northern Ireland Court of Judicature Rules Committee.]

The Northern Ireland Crown Court Rules Committee.

[F295 The Northern Ireland Events Company.]

[F296The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board]

The Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority.

[F297] The Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority.]

The Northern Ireland Higher Education Council.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

The Northern Ireland Insolvency Rules Committee.

[F298 The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission.]

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[F300 The Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission.]

[F301The Northern Ireland Library Authority]

The Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee.

The Northern Ireland Museums Council.

[F303] The Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery.]

[F304The Northern Ireland Social Care Council.]

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

The Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company.

[F307]F294Obstetrics Committee.]]

The Parades Commission.

[F308Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland]

[F309] The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, in respect of information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.]

[F310 The Poisons Board (Northern Ireland).]

The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.

[F311]A policing and community safety partnership or a district policing and community safety partnership established under Part 3 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2011.]

[F312 The Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.]

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland.

[F313 The Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation.]

The Rural Development Council for Northern Ireland.

[F314The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland]

The Sentence Review Commissioners appointed under section 1 of the M117Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998.

The social fund Commissioner appointed under Article 37 of the M118 Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland.

The Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards.

The Statistics Advisory Committee.

The Statute Law Committee for Northern Ireland.

[F315] F316 A sub-group established under section 21 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.]

Ulster Supported Employment Ltd.

[F317The Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.]

[F318 The Waste Management Advisory Board.]

The Youth Council for Northern Ireland.

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- **F250** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (1.4.2005) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 86, 87(1), **Sch.** 13; S.R. 2005/109, art. 2, Sch.
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- **F252** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2006) by The Agriculture (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3327 (N.I. 23)), arts. 1(3), 3(5), Sch. 1 para. 21; S.R. 2006/172, art. 2
- **F253** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (12.4.2010) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), **ss. 23(9)**, 87(1); S.R. 2010/113, **art. 2**, Sch. para. 3
- F254 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F255** Sch. 1Pt. 7: entry repealed (19.8.2005) by The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1965 (N.I. 15)), arts. 1(4), 10(2), 27, Sch. 1 para. 10(a), Sch. 2
- **F256** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 4, Sch. 3
- F257 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F258** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (27.3.2009) by Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 12), ss. 6(7), 185, **Sch. 1 para. 14**; S.R. 2009/138, **art. 2**, Sch.
- **F259** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (26.5.2003) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 45(3), 87, Sch. 8 para. 16; S.R. 2003/265, art. 2
- F260 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F261 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) by The Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2953 (N.I. 17)), Sch. para. 19 (as substituted (23.5.2008) by Commission for Victims and Survivors Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 6), s. 1(2), Sch. 1)
- **F262** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (14.3.2003) by The Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/439 (N.I. 11)), arts. 1(2)(b), 5(3), Sch. 2 para. 15
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- F266 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
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- F268 Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry repealed (N.I.) (prosp.) by Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 3), ss. 2, 7, Sch. 2 para. 4, Sch. 3
- **F269** Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry inserted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 74, **Sch. 6 para. 25(3)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**

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- F272 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.7.2006) by The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1254 (N.I. 9)), arts. 1(3), 63(2), Sch. 4 (with art. 49); S.R. 2006/257, art. 2(b)(e)(v)
- **F273** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.6.2009) by Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 3), ss. 1, 7, Sch. 1 para. 13, Sch. 3; S.R. 2009/172, art. 2(e)
- F274 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
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- **F279** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entries repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2002) by Industrial Development Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 1 (N.I.)), s. 5(4), Sch. 4 (with Sch. 2 paras. 1(4), 4(4), 6(4)); S.R. 2002/134, art. 2
- **F280** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2002) by Industrial Development Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 1 (N.I.)), s. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 21 (with Sch. 2 paras. 1(4), 4(4), 6(4)); S.R. 2002/134, art. 2
- **F281** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entries removed (29.6.2004) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1641), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F282** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.6.2009) by Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 3), ss. 5(1)(a)(iii), 6, 7, Sch. 3; S.R. 2009/172, art. 2(e)
- F283 Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry repealed (prosp.) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 86, 87(1), Sch. 13
- **F284** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry omitted (1.10.2011) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1042), art. 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- F285 Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
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- F287 Entry in Sch. 1 Pt. VII inserted (8.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/2565, arts. 1(2), 4; S.R. 2001/337, art. 2
- F288 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry omitted (15.5.2008) by virtue of The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1241), art. 4(a)
- F289 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F290** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 33, 34, Sch. 6 para. 17(3), **Sch. 7**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**
- **F291** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6)(7), 411(2), Sch. 19(1) (with Sch 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to art. 3(3) and with art. 11)
- **F292** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), **Sch. 12 para. 43** (with art. 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (subject to art. 3)
- **F293** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59(5), 148(1), **Sch.** 11 para. 34(b); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)
- **F294** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entries removed (7.2.2006) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3594), art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F295** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (1.6.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 5, **Sch. 4**

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- **F301** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.10.2008) by Libraries Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 8), ss. 10, 12, **Sch. 3 para. 6**; S.R. 2008/396, **art. 2(h)**
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- F303 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
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- **F305** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59(5), 148(1), Sch. 11 para. 34(a), Sch. 18 Pt. 5; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(f)
- **F306** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(2), **Sch. 13** (with art. 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (subject to art. 3)
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- **F291** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6)(7), 411(2), Sch. 19(1) (with Sch 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to art. 3(3) and with art. 11)
- **F292** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), **Sch. 12 para. 43** (with art. 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (subject to art. 3)
- **F293** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59(5), 148(1), **Sch.** 11 para. 34(b); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)
- **F294** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entries removed (7.2.2006) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3594), art. 2, Sch. 1
- F295 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (1.6.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 5, Sch. 4

- **F296** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.7.2006) by The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1254 (N.I. 9)), arts. 1(3), 3(3), Sch. 1 para. 19 (with art. 49); S.R. 2006/257, art. 2(a)(c)
- **F297** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 4, Sch. 3
- **F298** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (15.6.2005) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 3(3), 87(1), Sch. 2 para. 20; S.R. 2005/281, art. 3(1), Sch. 2 paras. 2, 6 (subject to art. 3(2)(3))
- **F299** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (16.4.2007) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 50(7), 87(1), Sch. 9 para. 15; S.R. 2007/237, art. 2, Sch. paras. 1, 5
- **F300** Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry inserted (N.I.) (20.3.2006) by Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/435 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(2), 49(1), **Sch. 4 para. 15** (with arts. 45, 48(2)(3), Sch. 3); S.R. 2006/27, arts. 1, **2**
- **F301** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (1.10.2008) by Libraries Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 8), ss. 10, 12, **Sch. 3 para. 6**; S.R. 2008/396, **art. 2(h)**
- F302 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.6.2009) by Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 3), ss. 6, 7, Sch. 3; S.R. 2009/172, art. 2(e); and expressed to be omitted (1.10.2010) by virtue of The Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/939), art. 3, Sch. Pt. 3
- F303 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F304** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F305** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59(5), 148(1), Sch. 11 para. 34(a), Sch. 18 Pt. 5; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(f)
- **F306** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(2), **Sch. 13** (with art. 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (subject to art. 3)
- **F307** Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry added (19.4.2004) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/938), art. 4, Sch. 3
- **F308** Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (15.5.2008) by virtue of The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1241), art. 4(b)
- F309 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (1.6.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 5, Sch. 4
- F310 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (7.2.2006) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3593), art. 4, Sch. 3
- F311 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (prosp.) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 24), ss. 110(1), 111(3), Sch. 7 para. 9
- F312 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (1.10.2011) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1041), art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2
- F313 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (1.10.2011) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1041), art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2
- F314 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (N.I.) (prosp.) by Safeguarding Board Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 7), ss. 13(3), 17(2)
- F315 Sch. 1 Pt. VII: entry inserted (N.I.) (4.9.2007) by Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (c. 6), s. 19, Sch. 1 para. 15; S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)
- F316 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry repealed (prosp.) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 24), ss. 110(2), 111(3), Sch. 8 Pt. 2
- F317 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry added (11.11.2002) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2623), art. 3, Sch. 2
- F318 Sch. 1 Pt. 7: entry inserted (11.8.2003) by The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1882), art. 3, Sch. 2

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SCHEDULE 2

Section 18(4).

THE COMMISSIONER AND THE TRIBUNAL

PART I

PROVISION CONSEQUENTIAL ON S. 18(1) AND (2)

General

- 1 (1) Any reference in any enactment, instrument or document to the Data Protection Commissioner or the Data Protection Registrar shall be construed, in relation to any time after the commencement of section 18(1), as a reference to the Information Commissioner.
 - (2) Any reference in any enactment, instrument or document to the Data Protection Tribunal shall be construed, in relation to any time after the commencement of section 18(2), as a reference to the Information Tribunal.

Commencement Information

I31 Sch. 2 para. 1 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 1(1) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 1 para. 1(2) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, **art. 2(b)**

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[F319] A The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills, in respect of information held for purposes other than those of the functions exercisable by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills by virtue of section 5(1)(a)(iii) of the Care Standards Act 2000.]

Textual Amendments

F319 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 1A inserted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 188, Sch. 14 para. 69(2)(b); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(gg)

2 (1) Any reference in this Act or in any instrument under this Act to the Commissioner shall be construed, in relation to any time before the commencement of section 18(1), as a reference to the Data Protection Commissioner.

(2) Any reference in this Act or in any instrument under this Act to the Tribunal shall be construed, in relation to any time before the commencement of section 18(2), as a reference to the Data Protection Tribunal.

Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51)

3 (1) In Part II of the Table in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (definition of public records), the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"Information Commissioner."

(2) In paragraph 4(1) of that Schedule, for paragraph (nn) there is substituted—
"(nn) records of the Information Tribunal;".

Commencement Information

I32 Sch. 2 para. 3 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 3(1) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 2 para. 3(2) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, **art. 2(b)**

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments etc. subject to investigation), the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"Information Commissioner".

In Schedule 4 to that Act (tribunals exercising administrative functions), for the entry relating to the Data Protection Tribunal there is substituted—

"Information Tribunal constituted under section 6 of the Data Protection Act 1998."

Superannuation Act 1972 (c. 11)

In Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972 (employment with superannuation scheme), for "Data Protection Commissioner" there is substituted "Information Commissioner".

Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39)

In section 159 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (correction of wrong information), in subsections (7) and (8)(b), for "Data Protection Commissioner", in both places where it occurs, there is substituted "Information Commissioner".

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

8 (1) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (bodies whose members are disqualified), the entry relating to the Data Protection Tribunal is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"The Information Tribunal".

(2) In Part III of that Schedule (disqualifying offices), the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"The Information Commissioner".

Commencement Information

I33 Sch. 2 para. 8 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 8(2) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 2 para. 8(1) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(b)

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

9 (1) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (bodies whose members are disqualified), the entry relating to the Data Protection Tribunal is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"The Information Tribunal".

(2) In Part III of that Schedule (disqualifying offices), the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner is omitted and there is inserted at the appropriate place—

"The Information Commissioner".

Commencement Information

I34 Sch. 2 para. 9 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 9(2) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 2 para. 9(1) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(b)

Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)

- In paragraph 14 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (tribunals under direct supervision of Council on Tribunals)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "The Data Protection Commissioner" there is substituted "The Information Commissioner", and
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (b) there is substituted—
 - "(b) the Information Tribunal constituted under that section, in respect of its jurisdiction under—
 - (i) section 48 of that Act, and
 - (ii) section 57 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000."

Commencement Information

I35 Sch. 2 para. 10 wholly in force at 30.11.2002; Sch. 2 para. 10(a) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 2 para. 10(b) in force at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(h)

Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8)

- In Schedule 5 to the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (retirement provisions: the relevant offices), in the entry relating to the chairman and deputy chairman of the Data Protection Tribunal, for "the Data Protection Tribunal" there is substituted "the Information Tribunal".
- In Schedule 7 to that Act (retirement dates: transitional provisions), in paragraph 5(5)(xxvi) for "the Data Protection Tribunal" there is substituted "the Information Tribunal".

Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29)

- 13 (1) Section 6 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (the Data Protection Commissioner and the Data Protection Tribunal) is amended as follows.
 - (2) For subsection (1) there is substituted—
 - "(1) For the purposes of this Act and of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 there shall be an officer known as the Information Commissioner (in this Act referred to as "the Commissioner")."
 - (3) For subsection (3) there is substituted—
 - "(3) For the purposes of this Act and of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 there shall be a tribunal known as the Information Tribunal (in this Act referred to as "the Tribunal")."

Commencement Information

I36 Sch. 2 para. 13 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 13(1)(2) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c) (3); Sch. 2 para. 13(3) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(b)

- In section 70(1) of that Act (supplementary definitions)—
 - (a) in the definition of "the Commissioner", for "the Data Protection Commissioner" there is substituted "the Information Commissioner", and
 - (b) in the definition of "the Tribunal", for "the Data Protection Tribunal" there is substituted "the Information Tribunal".

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Commencement Information

- I37 Sch. 2 para. 14 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 14(a) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c)(3); Sch. 2 para. 14(b) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(b)
- 15 (1) Schedule 5 to that Act (the Data Protection Commissioner and the Data Protection Tribunal) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In paragraph 1(1), for "Data Protection Commissioner" there is substituted "Information Commissioner".
 - (3) Part III shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

I38 Sch. 2 para. 15 wholly in force at 14.5.2001; Sch. 2 para. 15(1)(2) in force at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(c) (3); Sch. 2 para. 15(3) in force at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(b)

PART II

AMENDMENTS RELATING TO EXTENSION OF FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSIONER AND TRIBUNAL

Interests represented by lay members of Tribunal

- In section 6(6) of the MII9 Data Protection Act 1998 (lay members of Tribunal)—
 - (a) for the word "and" at the end of paragraph (a) there is substituted—
 - "(aa) persons to represent the interests of those who make requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,",

and

- (b) after paragraph (b) there is inserted "and
 - (bb) persons to represent the interests of public authorities."

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Expenses incurred under this Act excluded in calculating fees

- 17 In section 26(2) of that Act (fees regulations), in paragraph (a)—
 - (a) after "functions" there is inserted "under this Act", and
 - (b) after "Tribunal" there is inserted " so far as attributable to their functions under this Act ".

Information provided to Commissioner or Tribunal

- In section 58 of that Act (disclosure of information to Commissioner or Tribunal), after "this Act" there is inserted " or the Freedom of Information Act 2000".
- 19 (1) Section 59 of that Act (confidentiality of information) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In subsections (1) and (2), for "this Act", wherever occurring, there is substituted "the information Acts".
 - (3) After subsection (3) there is inserted—
 - "(4) In this section "the information Acts" means this Act and the Freedom of Information Act 2000."

Deputy commissioners

- 20 (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to that Act (officers and staff) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a), after "a deputy commissioner" there is inserted " or two deputy commissioners".
 - (3) After sub-paragraph (1) there is inserted—
 - "(1A) The Commissioner shall, when appointing any second deputy commissioner, specify which of the Commissioner's functions are to be performed, in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 5(1), by each of the deputy commissioners."

Exercise of Commissioner's functions by others

- 21 (1) Paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to that Act (exercise of functions of Commissioner during vacancy etc.) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (a) after "deputy commissioner" there is inserted " or deputy commissioners ", and
 - (b) after "this Act" there is inserted "or the Freedom of Information Act 2000".
 - (3) In sub-paragraph (2) after "this Act" there is inserted " or the Freedom of Information Act 2000".

Money

In paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 5 to that Act (money) for "or section 159 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974" there is substituted ", under section 159 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 or under the Freedom of Information Act 2000".

SCHEDULE 3

Section 55.

POWERS OF ENTRY AND INSPECTION

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C27 Sch. 3 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(9)}

Issue of warrants

- 1 (1) If a circuit judge is satisfied by information on oath supplied by the Commissioner that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—
 - (a) that a public authority has failed or is failing to comply with—
 - (i) any of the requirements of Part I of this Act,
 - (ii) so much of a decision notice as requires steps to be taken, or
 - (iii) an information notice or an enforcement notice, or
 - (b) that an offence under section 77 has been or is being committed, and that evidence of such a failure to comply or of the commission of the offence is to be found on any premises specified in the information, he may, subject to paragraph 2, grant a warrant to the Commissioner.
 - (2) A warrant issued under sub-paragraph (1) shall authorise the Commissioner or any of his officers or staff at any time within seven days of the date of the warrant—
 - (a) to enter and search the premises,
 - (b) to inspect and seize any documents or other material found there which may be such evidence as is mentioned in that sub-paragraph, and
 - (c) to inspect, examine, operate and test any equipment found there in which information held by the public authority may be recorded.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C28 Sch. 3 para. 1: powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 50, 52-54, 68, 138(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 73; S.I. 2003/708, art. 2

Commencement Information

- Sch. 3 para. 1 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 1 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 1 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- 2 (1) A judge shall not issue a warrant under this Schedule unless he is satisfied—
 - (a) that the Commissioner has given seven days' notice in writing to the occupier of the premises in question demanding access to the premises, and
 - (b) that either—
 - (i) access was demanded at a reasonable hour and was unreasonably refused, or

- (ii) although entry to the premises was granted, the occupier unreasonably refused to comply with a request by the Commissioner or any of the Commissioner's officers or staff to permit the Commissioner or the officer or member of staff to do any of the things referred to in paragraph 1(2), and
- (c) that the occupier, has, after the refusal, been notified by the Commissioner of the application for the warrant and has had an opportunity of being heard by the judge on the question whether or not it should be issued.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply if the judge is satisfied that the case is one of urgency or that compliance with those provisions would defeat the object of the entry.

Commencement Information

- I40 Sch. 3 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 2 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- A judge who issues a warrant under this Schedule shall also issue two copies of it and certify them clearly as copies.

Commencement Information

Sch. 3 para. 3 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 3 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 3 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Execution of warrants

A person executing a warrant issued under this Schedule may use such reasonable force as may be necessary.

Commencement Information

- Sch. 3 para. 4 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 4 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 4 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- A warrant issued under this Schedule shall be executed at a reasonable hour unless it appears to the person executing it that there are grounds for suspecting that the evidence in question would not be found if it were so executed.

Commencement Information

I43 Sch. 3 para. 5 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 5 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 5 in

force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

- 6 (1) If the premises in respect of which a warrant is issued under this Schedule are occupied by a public authority and any officer or employee of the authority is present when the warrant is executed, he shall be shown the warrant and supplied with a copy of it; and if no such officer or employee is present a copy of the warrant shall be left in a prominent place on the premises.
 - (2) If the premises in respect of which a warrant is issued under this Schedule are occupied by a person other than a public authority and he is present when the warrant is executed, he shall be shown the warrant and supplied with a copy of it; and if that person is not present a copy of the warrant shall be left in a prominent place on the premises.

Commencement Information

- I44 Sch. 3 para. 6 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 6 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 6 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- 7 (1) A person seizing anything in pursuance of a warrant under this Schedule shall give a receipt for it if asked to do so.
 - (2) Anything so seized may be retained for so long as is necessary in all the circumstances but the person in occupation of the premises in question shall be given a copy of anything that is seized if he so requests and the person executing the warrant considers that it can be done without undue delay.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C29 Sch. 3 para. 7(2) applied (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 57(1)(p), 138(2) (with s. 57(2)-(4)); S.I. 2003/708, art. 2

Commencement Information

Sch. 3 para. 7 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 7 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 7 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 7 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Matters exempt from inspection and seizure

The powers of inspection and seizure conferred by a warrant issued under this Schedule shall not be exercisable in respect of information which is exempt information by virtue of section 23(1) or 24(1).

Commencement Information

Sch. 3 para. 8 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 8 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 8 in

force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

- 9 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the powers of inspection and seizure conferred by a warrant issued under this Schedule shall not be exercisable in respect of—
 - (a) any communication between a professional legal adviser and his client in connection with the giving of legal advice to the client with respect to his obligations, liabilities or rights under this Act, or
 - (b) any communication between a professional legal adviser and his client, or between such an adviser or his client and any other person, made in connection with or in contemplation of proceedings under or arising out of this Act (including proceedings before the Tribunal) and for the purposes of such proceedings.
 - (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies also to—
 - (a) any copy or other record of any such communication as is there mentioned, and
 - (b) any document or article enclosed with or referred to in any such communication if made in connection with the giving of any advice or, as the case may be, in connection with or in contemplation of and for the purposes of such proceedings as are there mentioned.
 - (3) This paragraph does not apply to anything in the possession of any person other than the professional legal adviser or his client or to anything held with the intention of furthering a criminal purpose.
 - (4) In this paragraph references to the client of a professional legal adviser include references to any person representing such a client.

Commencement Information

- Sch. 3 para. 9 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 9 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 9 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- If the person in occupation of any premises in respect of which a warrant is issued under this Schedule objects to the inspection or seizure under the warrant of any material on the grounds that it consists partly of matters in respect of which those powers are not exercisable, he shall, if the person executing the warrant so requests, furnish that person with a copy of so much of the material in relation to which the powers are exercisable.

Commencement Information

Sch. 3 para. 10 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 10 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 10 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Return of warrants

- A warrant issued under this Schedule shall be returned to the court from which it was issued—
 - (a) after being executed, or
 - (b) if not executed within the time authorised for its execution; and the person by whom any such warrant is executed shall make an endorsement on it stating what powers have been exercised by him under the warrant.

Commencement Information

Sch. 3 para. 11 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 11 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 11 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Offences

- 12 Any person who—
 - (a) intentionally obstructs a person in the execution of a warrant issued under this Schedule, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to give any person executing such a warrant such assistance as he may reasonably require for the execution of the warrant,

is guilty of an offence.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C30 Sch. 3 para. 12 extended (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), reg. 11(13)

Commencement Information

I50 Sch. 3 para. 12 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 12 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 12 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Vessels, vehicles etc.

In this Schedule "premises" includes any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or hovercraft, and references to the occupier of any premises include references to the person in charge of any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or hovercraft.

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 3 para. 13 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 13 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 13 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Scotland and Northern Ireland

- In the application of this Schedule to Scotland—
 - (a) for any reference to a circuit judge there is substituted a reference to the sheriff, and
 - (b) for any reference to information on oath there is substituted a reference to evidence on oath.

Commencement Information

- I52 Sch. 3 para. 14 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 14 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 14 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- 15 In the application of this Schedule to Northern Ireland—
 - (a) for any reference to a circuit judge there is substituted a reference to a county court judge, and
 - (b) for any reference to information on oath there is substituted a reference to a complaint on oath.

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 3 para. 15 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 3 para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 3 para. 15 in force for certain purposes at 30.11.2002 by S.I. 2002/2812, art. 2(d)(e); Sch. 3 para. 15 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

SCHEDULE 4

Section 61(1).

APPEAL PROCEEDINGS: AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO M120 DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

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M120 1998 c. 29.

Constitution of Tribunal in national security cases

In paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 6 to the M121Data Protection Act 1998 (constitution of Tribunal in national security cases), at the end there is inserted " or under section 60(1) or (4) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000".

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M121 1998 c. 29.

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- 2 For paragraph 3 of that Schedule there is substituted—
 - "3 The Tribunal shall be duly constituted—
 - (a) for an appeal under section 28(4) or (6) in any case where the application of paragraph 6(1) is excluded by rules under paragraph 7, or
 - (b) for an appeal under section 60(1) or (4) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

if it consists of three of the persons designated under paragraph 2(1), of whom one shall be designated by the Lord Chancellor to preside."

Commencement Information

Sch. 4 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 4 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 4 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2; Sch. 4 para. 2 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Constitution of Tribunal in other cases

- 3 (1) Paragraph 4 of that Schedule (constitution of Tribunal in other cases) is amended as follows.
 - (2) After sub-paragraph (1) there is inserted—
 - "(1A) Subject to any rules made under paragraph 7, the Tribunal shall be duly constituted for an appeal under section 57(1) or (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 if it consists of—
 - (a) the chairman or a deputy chairman (who shall preside), and
 - (b) an equal number of the members appointed respectively in accordance with paragraphs (aa) and (bb) of section 6(6)."
 - (3) In sub-paragraph (2), after "(1)" there is inserted " or (1A)".

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C31 Sch. 4 para. 3 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), reg. 11(1)-(3)

Rules of procedure

4 (1) Paragraph 7 of that Schedule (rules of procedure) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), for the words from "regulating" onwards there is substituted "regulating—
 - (a) the exercise of the rights of appeal conferred—
 - (i) by sections 28(4) and (6) and 48, and
 - (ii) by sections 57(1) and (2) and section 60(1) and (4) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and
 - (b) the practice and procedure of the Tribunal."
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2), after paragraph (a) there is inserted—
 - "(aa) for the joinder of any other person as a party to any proceedings on an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,
 - (ab) for the hearing of an appeal under this Act with an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,".

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C32 Sch. 4 para. 4 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2009) by The INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3157), {reg. 11(1)-(3)(10)}

SCHEDULE 5

Section 67.

AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC RECORDS LEGISLATION

PART I

AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958

Functions of Advisory Council on Public Records

- In section 1 of the M122 Public Records Act 1958 (general responsibility of the Lord Chancellor for public records), after subsection (2) there is inserted—
 - "(2A) The matters on which the Advisory Council on Public Records may advise the Lord Chancellor include matters relating to the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to information contained in public records which are historical records within the meaning of Part VI of that Act."

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M122 1958 c. 51.

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Access to public records

- 2 (1) Section 5 of that Act (access to public records) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.
 - (2) Subsections (1) and (2) are omitted.
 - (3) For subsection (3) there is substituted—
 - "(3) It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Public Records to arrange that reasonable facilities are available to the public for inspecting and obtaining copies of those public records in the Public Record Office which fall to be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000."
 - (4) Subsection (4) and, in subsection (5), the words from "and subject to" to the end are omitted.
- Schedule 2 of that Act (enactments prohibiting disclosure of information obtained from the public) is omitted.

Power to extend meaning of "public records"

- In Schedule 1 to that Act (definition of public records) after the Table at the end of paragraph 3 there is inserted—
 - "3A (1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council amend the Table at the end of paragraph 3 of this Schedule by adding to either Part of the Table an entry relating to any body or establishment—
 - (a) which, at the time when the Order is made, is specified in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments, etc. subject to investigation), or
 - (b) in respect of which an entry could, at that time, be added to Schedule 2 to that Act by an Order in Council under section 4 of that Act (which confers power to amend that Schedule).
 - (2) An Order in Council under this paragraph may relate to a specified body or establishment or to bodies or establishments falling within a specified description.
 - (3) An Order in Council under this paragraph shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament."

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PART II

AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1923

5

After section 5 of the M123 Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 (deposit of documents in Record Office by trustees or other persons) there is inserted—

"5A Access to public records

It shall be the duty of the Deputy Keeper of the Records of Northern Ireland to arrange that reasonable facilities are available to the public for inspecting and obtaining copies of those public records in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland which fall to be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000."

Marginal Citations M123 1923 c.20(N.I.).

SCHEDULE 6

Section 73.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS OF DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Request by data controller for further information

- In section 7 of the M124Data Protection Act 1998 (right of access to personal data), for subsection (3) there is substituted—
 - "(3) Where a data controller—
 - (a) reasonably requires further information in order to satisfy himself as to the identity of the person making a request under this section and to locate the information which that person seeks, and
 - (b) has informed him of that requirement,

the data controller is not obliged to comply with the request unless he is supplied with that further information."

Marginal Citations M124 1998 c. 29.

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Parliament

2 After section 35 of that Act there is inserted—

"35A Parliamentary privilege.

Personal data are exempt from—

- (a) the first data protection principle, except to the extent to which it requires compliance with the conditions in Schedules 2 and 3,
- (b) the second, third, fourth and fifth data protection principles,
- (c) section 7, and

(d) sections 10 and 14(1) to (3),

if the exemption is required for the purpose of avoiding an infringement of the privileges of either House of Parliament."

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I55 Sch. 6 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 6 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 6 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

After section 63 of that Act there is inserted—

"63A Application to Parliament.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section and to section 35A, this Act applies to the processing of personal data by or on behalf of either House of Parliament as it applies to the processing of personal data by other persons.
- (2) Where the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed are determined by or on behalf of the House of Commons, the data controller in respect of those data for the purposes of this Act shall be the Corporate Officer of that House.
- (3) Where the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed are determined by or on behalf of the House of Lords, the data controller in respect of those data for the purposes of this Act shall be the Corporate Officer of that House.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (2) or (3) is to be taken to render the Corporate Officer of the House of Commons or the Corporate Officer of the House of Lords liable to prosecution under this Act, but section 55 and paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 shall apply to a person acting on behalf of either House as they apply to any other person."

Commencement Information

Sch. 6 para. 3 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 6 para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3);
Sch. 6 para. 3 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

In Schedule 2 to that Act (conditions relevant for the purposes of the first data protection principle: processing of any personal data) in paragraph 5 after paragraph (a) there is inserted—

"(aa) for the exercise of any functions of either House of Parliament,".

Commencement Information

Sch. 6 para. 4 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 6 para. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 6 para. 4 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

In Schedule 3 to that Act (conditions relevant for the purposes of the first data protection principle: processing of sensitive personal data) in paragraph 7 after paragraph (a) there is inserted—

"(aa) for the exercise of any functions of either House of Parliament,".

Commencement Information

Sch. 6 para. 5 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; Sch. 6 para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); Sch. 6 para. 5 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/1909, art. 2 and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

Honours

In Schedule 7 to that Act (miscellaneous exemptions) in paragraph 3(b) (honours) after "honour" there is inserted "or dignity".

Legal professional privilege

In paragraph 10 of that Schedule (legal professional privilege), for the words "or, in Scotland, to confidentiality as between client and professional legal adviser," there is substituted "or, in Scotland, to confidentiality of communications".

Extension of transitional exemption

In Schedule 14 to that Act (transitional provisions), in paragraph 2(1) (which confers transitional exemption from the prohibition on processing without registration on those registered under the Data Protection Act 1984) the words "or, if earlier, 24th October 2001" are omitted.

SCHEDULE 7

Section 76(2).

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY OMBUDSMEN

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

- 1 At the end of section 11 of the M125 Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (provision for secrecy of information) there is inserted—
 - "(5) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section as obtained for the purposes of an investigation under this Act and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (a) of that subsection to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations

M125 1967 c. 13.

2 After section 11A of that Act there is inserted—

"11AA Disclosure of information by Parliamentary Commissioner to Information Commissioner.

- (1) The Commissioner may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Commissioner under or for the purposes of this Act if the information appears to the Commissioner to relate to—
 - (a) a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—
 - (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
 - (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
 - (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
 - (b) the commission of an offence under—
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).
- (2) Nothing in section 11(2) of this Act shall apply in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this section."

The Commissions for Local Administration in England and Wales

- In section 32 of the M126Local Government Act 1974 (law of defamation, and disclosure of information) after subsection (6) there is inserted—
 - "(7) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (2) above as obtained for the purposes of an investigation under this Part of this Act and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (a) of that subsection to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations M126 1974 c. 7.

4 After section 33 of that Act there is inserted—

"33A Disclosure of information by Local Commissioner to Information Commissioner.

- (1) A Local Commissioner may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Local Commissioner under or for the purposes of this Part of this Act if the information appears to the Local Commissioner to relate to—
 - (a) a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—

- (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
- (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
- (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
- (b) the commission of an offence under—
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).
- (2) Nothing in section 32(2) of this Act shall apply in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this section."

The Health Service Commissioners

- At the end of section 15 of the M127Health Service Commissioners Act 1993 (confidentiality of information) there is inserted—
 - "(4) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (1) as obtained for the purposes of an investigation and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (a) of that subsection to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations M127 1993 c. 46.

6 After section 18 of that Act there is inserted—

"18A Disclosure of information to Information Commissioner.

- (1) The Health Service Commissioner for England or the Health Service Commissioner for Wales may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Health Service Commissioner under or for the purposes of this Act if the information appears to the Health Service Commissioner to relate to—
 - (a) a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—
 - (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
 - (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
 - (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
 - (b) the commission of an offence under—
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).

(3) Nothing in section 15 (confidentiality of information) applies in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this section."

The Welsh Administration Ombudsman

- In Schedule 9 to the M128 Government of Wales Act 1998 (the Welsh Administration Ombudsman), at the end of paragraph 25 (confidentiality of information) there is inserted—
 - "(5) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) as obtained for the purposes of an investigation and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (a) of that subsection to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations

M128 1998 c. 38.

8 After paragraph 27 of that Schedule there is inserted—

Disclosure of information to Information Commissioner

- "28 (1) The Welsh Administration Ombudsman may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Welsh Administration Ombudsman under or for the purposes of this Schedule if the information appears to the Welsh Administration Ombudsman to relate to—
 - (a) a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—
 - (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
 - (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
 - (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
 - (b) the commission of an offence under—
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).
 - (2) Nothing in paragraph 25(1) applies in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this paragraph."

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The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints

- At the end of Article 21 of the M129 Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) 9 Order 1996 (disclosure of information by Commissioner) there is inserted-
 - "(5) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of paragraph (1) as obtained for the purposes of an investigation under this Order and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (1)(a) to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations

M129 S.I. 1996/1297 (N.I. 7).

10 After that Article there is inserted—

Disclosure of information to Information Commissioner

- "21A(1) The Commissioner may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Commissioner under or for the purposes of this Order if the information appears to the Commissioner to relate to
 - a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—
 - (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
 - (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
 - (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
 - the commission of an offence under— (b)
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).
 - (2) Nothing in Article 21(1) applies in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this Article."

The Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

- 11 At the end of Article 19 of the M130 Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 there is inserted-
 - "(5) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of paragraph (1) as obtained for the purposes of an investigation under this Order and, in relation to such information, the reference in paragraph (1)(a) to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."

Marginal Citations

M130 S.I. 1996/1298 (N.I. 8).

12 After that Article there is inserted—

Disclosure of information to Information Commissioner

- "19A(1) The Ombudsman may disclose to the Information Commissioner any information obtained by, or furnished to, the Omubudsman under or for the purposes of this Order if the information appears to the Ombudsman to relate to—
 - (a) a matter in respect of which the Information Commissioner could exercise any power conferred by—
 - (i) Part V of the Data Protection Act 1998 (enforcement),
 - (ii) section 48 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (practice recommendations), or
 - (iii) Part IV of that Act (enforcement), or
 - (b) the commission of an offence under—
 - (i) any provision of the Data Protection Act 1998 other than paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (obstruction of execution of warrant), or
 - (ii) section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (offence of altering etc. records with intent to prevent disclosure).
 - (2) Nothing in Article 19(1) applies in relation to the disclosure of information in accordance with this Article."

The Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland

13 [F320]In section 30 of the M131 Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 (limitation on disclosure of information), after subsection (5) there is inserted—

"(5A) Information obtained from the Information Commissioner by virtue of section 76 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (2) as obtained for the purposes of an investigation under this Part of this Act and, in relation to such information, the reference in subsection (2)(a) to the investigation shall have effect as a reference to any investigation."]

Textual Amendments

F320 Sch. 7 para. 13 repealed (S.) (23.10.2002) by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11), s. 26, Sch. 6 para. 23(3); S.S.I. 2002/467, art. 2

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M131 1975 c. 30.

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Section 86.

REPEALS

PART I

REPEAL COMING INTO FORCE ON PASSING OF ACT

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1998 c. 29.	The Data Protection Act 1998.	In Schedule 14, in paragraph 2(1), the words "or, if earlier, 24th October 2001".

$$\operatorname{\textbf{Part II}}$$ Repeals coming into force in accordance with section 87(2)

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1958 c. 51.	The Public Records Act 1958.	In Schedule 1, in Part II of the Table in paragraph 3, the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner.
1967 c. 13.	The Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967.	In Schedule 2, the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner.
1975 c. 24.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.	In Schedule 1, in Part III, the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner.
1975 c. 25.	The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975.	In Schedule 1, in Part III, the entry relating to the Data Protection Commissioner.
1998 c. 29.	The Data Protection Act 1998.	In Schedule 5, Part III. In Schedule 15, paragraphs 1(1), 2, 4, 5(2) and 6(2)

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PART III

REPEALS COMING INTO FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 87(3)

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1958 c. 51.	The Public Records Act 1958.	In section 5, subsections (1), (2) and (4) and, in

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		subsection (5), the words from "and subject to" to the end. Schedule 2.
1975 c. 24.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.	In Schedule 1, in Part II, the entry relating to the Data Protection Tribunal.
1975 c. 25.	The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975.	In Schedule 1, in Part II, the entry relating to the Data Protection Tribunal.
1998 c. 29.	The Data Protection Act 1998.	In section 1(1), in the definition of "data", the word "or" at the end of paragraph (c). In Schedule 15, paragraphs 1(2) and (3), 3, 5(1) and 6(1).

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