

*These notes refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2000  
(c.36) which received Royal Assent on 30th November 2000*

# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Schedules***

#### ***Schedule 3: Powers of entry and inspection***

##### **Execution of warrants**

- 266. *Paragraph 4* allows necessary, reasonable force to be used in executing a warrant.
- 267. *Paragraph 5* requires the warrant to be executed at a reasonable hour unless there are grounds for suspecting that doing so would mean that the evidence would not be found.
- 268. *Paragraph 6* requires the person occupying the premises to be shown and given a copy of the warrant if he is present when it is executed. If the occupier is not present, a copy of the warrant must be left prominently on the premises.
- 269. *Paragraph 7* requires a receipt to be given, if sought, for anything seized. It also provides for anything seized to be retained as long as is necessary. The person occupying the premises must be given a copy of anything that is seized if he asks for it and if this can be done without undue delay.