



# Freedom of Information Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 36

### PART I

#### ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

##### *Right to information*

### 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)**

- C1** 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**
- C2** 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**
- C3** 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)}
- C4** S. 3(1)(b) modified (22.2.2008) by The Northern Rock plc [Transfer Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/432\)](#), **art. 18(2)(a)**
- C5** S. 3(1)(b) excluded (1.3.2016) by [The NRAM plc \(formerly Northern Rock plc\) Consequential and Supplementary Provisions Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/114\)](#), arts. 1(1), **8(2)(a)**

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- C6** S. 3(2) modified (1.4.2012) by [Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 \(c. 4\), s. 29, Sch. 3 para. 13\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2011/2576, art. 5](#)
- 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)**
- C10** S. 3(2)(b) excluded (1.3.2016) by The NRAM plc (formerly Northern Rock plc) Consequential and Supplementary Provisions Order 2016 ([S.I. 2016/114](#)), arts. 1(1), **8(2)(b)**

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