



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART II

EXEMPT INFORMATION

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- (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,

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (b) “proceedings in a particular cause or matter” includes any inquest or post-mortem 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 Arbitration Act 1996 applies.