



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART I

ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Right to information

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,^{F1}...
 - (b) it is wholly owned by [^{F2}the wider public sector][^{F3}, or
 - (c) it is wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector.]

[^{F4}(2) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) a company is wholly owned by the Crown if, and only if, every member is a person falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii)—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown, government department or company wholly owned by the Crown, or
 - (ii) a person acting on behalf of a Minister of the Crown, government department or company wholly owned by the Crown,
- (b) a company is wholly owned by the wider public sector if, and only if, every member is a person falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii)—
 - (i) a relevant public authority or a company wholly owned by the wider public sector, or
 - (ii) a person acting on behalf of a relevant public authority or of a company wholly owned by the wider public sector, and
- (c) a company is wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector if, and only if, condition A, B or C is met.

(2A) In subsection (2)(c)—

- (a) condition A is met if—

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- (i) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii),
- (ii) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(b)(i) or (ii), and
- (iii) every member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii),
- (b) condition B is met if—
 - (i) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii),
 - (ii) at least one member is a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector, and
 - (iii) every member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii) or a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector, and
- (c) condition C is met if every member is a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector.]

(3) In this section—

“company” includes any body corporate;

“Minister of the Crown” includes a Northern Ireland Minister.

[^{F5} “ relevant public authority ” means any public authority listed in Schedule 1 other than—

a government department, or

any authority which is listed only in relation to particular information]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 6(1)(a) repealed (1.9.2013) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 103(2)(a), 120, [Sch. 10 Pt. 7](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3(b)
- F2** Words in s. 6(1)(b) substituted (1.9.2013) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 103(2)(b), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3(b)
- F3** S. 6(1)(c) and word inserted (1.9.2013) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 103(2)(c), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3(b)
- F4** S. 6(2)(2A) substituted for s. 6(2) (1.9.2013) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 103(3), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3(b)
- F5** Words in s. 6(3) inserted (1.9.2013) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 103(4), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3(b)

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