

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DEFAMATION ACT 2013

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Serious harm

Section 2: Truth

Section 3: Honest opinion

Section 4: Publication on matter of public interest

Section 5: Operators of websites

Section 6: Peer-reviewed statement in scientific or academic journal etc

Section 7: Reports etc protected by privilege

Section 8: Single publication rule

Section 9: Action against a person not domiciled in the UK or a Member State etc

Section 10: Action against a person who was not the author, editor etc

Section 11: Trial to be without a jury unless the court orders otherwise

Section 12: Power of court to order a summary of its judgment to be published

Section 13: Order to remove statement or cease distribution etc

Section 14: Actions for slander: special damage

Section 15: Meaning of “publish” and “statement”

Section 16: Consequential amendments and savings etc

Section 17: Short title, extent and commencement

COMMENCEMENT

These notes refer to the Defamation Act 2013 (c.26)

HANSARD REFERENCES