



Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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[^{F1}PART 2A

DATA MATCHING

[^{F1}26A Power to carry out data matching exercises

- (1) Audit Scotland may carry out data matching exercises or arrange for them to be carried out on its behalf.
- (2) A data matching exercise is an exercise involving the comparison of sets of data to determine how far they match (including the identification of any patterns and trends).
- (3) The power in subsection (1) may be exercised for one or more of the following purposes—
 - (a) assisting in the prevention and detection of fraud,
 - (b) assisting in the prevention and detection of crime (other than fraud),
 - (c) assisting in the apprehension and prosecution of offenders.
- (4) A data matching exercise may not be used for the sole purpose of identifying patterns and trends in a person's characteristics or behaviour which suggest the person is likely to commit fraud in the future.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 2A (ss. 26A-26G) inserted (6.10.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), [ss. 97\(3\)](#), 206(1); [S.S.I. 2010/339](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000, Section 26A.