



Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

PART III

RACIAL HATRED

Meaning of “racial hatred”

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In this Part “racial hatred” means hatred against a group of persons ^{F1} . . . defined by reference to colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origins.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 17 repealed (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 37, 125, 127(2), Sch. 8 Pt. 4 (with s. 42)

Changes to legislation:

Public Order Act 1986, Cross Heading: Meaning of “racial hatred” is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4B inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 1](#)