



Data Protection Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 29

PART I

PRELIMINARY

3 The special purposes.

In this Act “the special purposes” means any one or more of the following—

- (a) the purposes of journalism,
- (b) artistic purposes, and
- (c) literary purposes.

Changes to legislation:

Data Protection Act 1998, Section 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 July 2017. 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.

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. 20(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 20 para. 4\(c\)](#)
- s. 31(4)(a)(va) inserted by [2016 c. 21 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 13](#)
- s. 55(2)(ca) inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 78](#)