



# Local Government Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

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#### INVESTIGATIONS ETC: WALES

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Law of defamation*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>74 Law of defamation: absolute privilege**

For the purposes of the law of defamation a publication of a matter is absolutely privileged if—

- (a) the publication is made in the exercise of the functions of the Ombudsman under Chapters 3 and 4 of this Part;
- (b) the publication—
  - (i) is made in communications with the Ombudsman or a person exercising a function of the Ombudsman, and
  - (ii) is made for the purposes of, or in connection with, the Ombudsman's functions under Chapters 3 and 4 of this Part.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 74 and cross-heading substituted (5.5.2022) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#) (asc 1), s. 175(7), [Sch. 8 para. 5](#); S.I. 2022/98, art. 2(b) (with art. 3)

**Changes to legislation:**

Local Government Act 2000, Section 74 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 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. 21(2ZA) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(3\)](#)
- s. 21(13)(c) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 21(15A) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 21(18) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 21C(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 5 para. 97\(a\)](#)