



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART II

EXEMPT INFORMATION

37 Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours.

- (1) Information is exempt information if it relates to—
- [^{F1}(a) communications with the Sovereign,
 - (aa) communications with the heir to, or the person who is for the time being second in line of succession to, the Throne,
 - (ab) communications with a person who has subsequently acceded to the Throne or become heir to, or second in line to, the Throne,
 - (ac) communications with other members of the Royal Family (other than communications which fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (ab) because they are made or received on behalf of a person falling within any of those paragraphs), and
 - (ad) communications with the Royal Household (other than communications which fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (ac) because they are made or received on behalf of a person falling within any of those paragraphs), or]
 - (b) the conferring by the Crown of any honour or dignity.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** S. 37(1)(a)-(ad) substituted for s. 37(1)(a) (19.1.2011) by [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 \(c. 25\)](#), ss. 46(1), 52(2), [Sch. 7 para. 3](#); S.I. 2011/46, [art. 3\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [art. 4](#))

Changes to legislation:

Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 July 2018. 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):

- Sch. 1 Pt. 4 para. 53(1)(aa) inserted by 2017 c. 29 Sch. 11 para. 29(2)(a)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 4 para. 53(2)(aa) inserted by 2017 c. 29 Sch. 11 para. 29(3)(a)