

# Enterprise Act 2002

# **2002 CHAPTER 40**

### PART 9

#### INFORMATION

#### *Restrictions on disclosure*

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- (1) Information is specified information if it comes to a public authority in connection with the exercise of any function it has under or by virtue of—
  - (a) Part 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8;
  - (b) an enactment specified in Schedule 14;
  - (c) such subordinate legislation as the Secretary of State may by order specify for the purposes of this subsection.
- (2) It is immaterial whether information comes to a public authority before or after the passing of this Act.
- (3) Public authority (except in the expression "overseas public authority") must be construed in accordance with section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42).
- (4) In subsection (1) the reference to an enactment includes a reference to an enactment contained in—
  - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
  - (b) Northern Ireland legislation;
  - (c) subordinate legislation.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order amend Schedule 14.
- (6) The power to make an order under subsection (5) includes power to add, vary or remove a reference to any provision of—
  - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
  - (b) Northern Ireland legislation.

- (7) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (8) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.