



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 7

SUPPLEMENTARY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Information provisions

237 Use of information obtained for certain other statutory purposes

- (1) A local housing authority may use any information to which this section applies—
 - (a) for any purpose connected with the exercise of any of the authority's functions under any of Parts 1 to 4 in relation to any premises, or
 - (b) for the purpose of investigating whether any offence has been committed under any of those Parts in relation to any premises.
- (2) This section applies to any information which has been obtained by the authority in the exercise of functions under—
 - (a) section 134 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5) (housing benefit), or
 - (b) Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14) (council tax).
- [^{F1}(3) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend this section so as to change the list of purposes for which a local housing authority in England may use information to which it applies.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 237(3) inserted (6.4.2017) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. **129(2)**, 216(3); S.I. 2017/281, reg. 4(g)

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 237 wholly in force at 25.11.2005; s. 237 not force at Royal Assent see s. 270(4)(5); s. 237 in force for E. at 15.6.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1451](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#); s. 237 in force for W. at 25.11.2005 by [S.I. 2005/3237](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

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

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

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

- s. 66(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 66(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 89(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 89(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 139(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 127\(3\)](#)