

*These notes relate to the Freedom of Information (Scotland)  
Act 2002 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 28 May 2002*

# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – AN OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 5 – Historical records**

10. This Part defines certain exemptions which will cease to apply when information reaches a specified age. Records would cease to be exempt after certain specified periods, with the majority of the exemptions falling away after 30 years. For the purposes of this Part, records that are over 30 years old are described as “historical records”. A smaller number of exemptions fall away after 60 and 100 years, while the remainder remain to be considered in perpetuity. This Part also describes how the Scottish Ministers may amend the time periods.