
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 418

The Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

[^{F1}Data matching

[^{F1}Power to conduct data matching exercises

4A.—(1) The Comptroller and Auditor General may conduct data matching exercises or arrange for them to be conducted on his behalf.

(2) A data matching exercise is an exercise involving the comparison of sets of data to determine how far they match (including the identification of any patterns and trends).

(3) The power in paragraph (1) is exercisable for the purpose of assisting in the prevention and detection of fraud.

(4) That assistance may, but need not, form part of an audit.

(5) A data matching exercise may not be used to identify patterns and trends in an individual's characteristics or behaviour which suggest nothing more than his potential to commit fraud in the future.

(6) In Articles 4B to 4H, reference to a data matching exercise is to an exercise conducted or arranged to be conducted under this Article.]

F1 Arts. 4A-4H and preceding cross-heading inserted (1.3.2008 for preceding cross-heading and Art. 4G(1)(3)(4) otherwise 6.4.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\)](#), ss. 73, 94(1), [Sch. 7 para. 6](#); S.I. 2008/219, [art. 3\(j\)](#); S.I. 2008/755, [art. 16\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 4A.