



Protection from Harassment Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 40

General

12 National security, etc.

- (1) If the Secretary of State certifies that in his opinion anything done by a specified person on a specified occasion related to—
 - (a) national security,
 - (b) the economic well-being of the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) the prevention or detection of serious crime,and was done on behalf of the Crown, the certificate is conclusive evidence that this Act does not apply to any conduct of that person on that occasion.
- (2) In subsection (1), “specified” means specified in the certificate in question.
- (3) A document purporting to be a certificate under subsection (1) is to be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be treated as being such a certificate.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 12 applied (with modifications) (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), **ss. 230(2), 383(2)** (with s. 385); [S.I. 2009/812](#), **art. 3(a)(b)** (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), **art. 4**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, Section 12.