FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part I: Access to information held by public authorities

Right to information

Section 16: Duty to provide advice and assistance

65. This section places a duty on authorities to provide advice and assistance to applicants or would-be applicants for information. An authority is deemed to have complied with this duty with respect to any request for information if it has conformed with the Secretary of State's code of practice issued under section 45 in relation to that case.