

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part I: Access to information held by public authorities

Right to information

Section 6: Publicly-owned companies

39. *Subsection (1)* defines a publicly-owned company as one which:
- is wholly owned by the Crown; or
 - is wholly owned by any public authority listed in Schedule 1 other than a government department or an authority which is listed only in relation to particular information.
40. *Subsection (2)* defines a company wholly owned by the Crown as a company having no members except:
- Ministers, government departments or companies wholly owned by the Crown; or
 - any person acting on behalf of the above,
- and defines a company wholly owned by a public authority other than a government department as having no members except:
- that public authority or companies owned by that public authority; or
 - any person acting on behalf of the above.
41. *Subsection (3)* defines company as including any body corporate.