



# Freedom of Information Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 36

### PART VI

#### HISTORICAL RECORDS AND RECORDS IN PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OR PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

#### **65 Decisions as to refusal of discretionary disclosure of historical records**

- (1) Before refusing a request for information relating to information which is contained in a historical record and is exempt information only by virtue of a provision not specified in section 2(3), a public authority shall—
  - (a) if the historical record is a public record within the meaning of the Public Records Act 1958, consult the Lord Chancellor, or
  - (b) if the historical record is a public record to which the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 applies, consult the appropriate Northern Ireland Minister.
- (2) This section does not apply to information to which section 66 applies.