



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART I

ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Right to information

7 Public authorities to which Act has limited application.

- (1) Where a public authority is listed in Schedule 1 only in relation to information of a specified description, nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to any other information held by the authority.
- (2) An order under section 4(1) may, in adding an entry to Schedule 1, list the public authority only in relation to information of a specified description.
- (3) The [^{F1}Secretary of State][^{F2}or the [^{F3}Minister for the Cabinet Office]] may by order amend Schedule 1—
 - (a) by limiting to information of a specified description the entry relating to any public authority, or
 - (b) by removing or amending any limitation to information of a specified description which is for the time being contained in any entry.
- (4) Before making an order under subsection (3), the [^{F1}Secretary of State][^{F4}or the [^{F5}Minister for the Cabinet Office]] shall—
 - [^{F6}(a) if the order relates to the National Assembly for Wales or a Welsh public authority referred to in section 83(1)(b)(ii) (subsidiary of the Assembly Commission), consult the Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (aa) if the order relates to the Welsh Assembly Government or a Welsh public authority other than one referred to in section 83(1)(b)(ii), consult the First Minister for Wales,]
 - (b) if the order relates to the Northern Ireland Assembly, consult the Presiding Officer of that Assembly, and

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- (c) if the order relates to a Northern Ireland department or a Northern Ireland public authority, consult the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.
- (5) An order under section 5(1)(a) must specify the functions of the public authority designated by the order with respect to which the designation is to have effect; and nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to information which is held by the authority but does not relate to the exercise of those functions.
- (6) An order under section 5(1)(b) must specify the services provided under contract with respect to which the designation is to have effect; and nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies to information which is held by the public authority designated by the order but does not relate to the provision of those services.
- (7) Nothing in Parts I to V of this Act applies in relation to any information held by a publicly-owned company which is excluded information in relation to that company.
- (8) In subsection (7) “excluded information”, in relation to a publicly-owned company, means information which is of a description specified in relation to that company in an order made by the [^{F1}Secretary of State][^{F7} or the [^{F8}Minister for the Cabinet Office]] for the purposes of this subsection.
- (9) In this section “publicly-owned company” has the meaning given by section 6.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 7 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1887\)](#), art. 9, **Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 7(3) inserted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 2(2)(c)**
- F3** Words in s. 7(3) substituted (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 14(2)(c)** (with art. 12)
- F4** Words in s. 7(4) inserted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 2(2)(c)**
- F5** Words in s. 7(4) substituted (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 14(2)(c)** (with art. 12)
- F6** S. 7(4)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 7(4)(a) by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 79** (the amendment coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I. and see ss. 46, 161(5) of [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#))
- F7** Words in s. 7(8) inserted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 2(2)(c)**
- F8** Words in s. 7(8) substituted (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 14(2)(c)** (with art. 12)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 7(3) functions made exercisable concurrently (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(1)**, (2)(c) (with art. 5)
- C2** S. 7(4)(8) functions made exercisable concurrently (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(1)**, (2)(c) (with art. 5)

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