

*These notes refer to the Legal Services Act 2007 (c.29)
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LEGAL SERVICES ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7: Further Provisions Relating to the Board and the Olc

Section 168: Disclosure of restricted information

395. This section makes exceptions to section 167. The first is that a restricted person may disclose restricted information to another restricted person. The second is that restricted information may be disclosed for the purposes of enabling the Board to exercise its functions. *Section 168(3)* sets out a list of further specific and limited circumstances in which restricted information may be disclosed, with the possibility (section 168(3)(g)) of additional purposes being added by order made by the Lord Chancellor. Such orders may only be made in order to allow disclosure to persons (other than approved regulators) who exercise regulatory functions. The section also allows the Lord Chancellor to prevent the disclosure of restricted information under section 167 by order for the purposes prescribed in that order.