

Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

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Amend the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to exempt from its provisions the House of Commons and House of Lords and correspondence between Members of Parliament and public authorities.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Exemption of House of Commons and House of Lords

- (1) The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 1, Part 1 (Public Authorities), delete paragraphs 2 and 3.
- (3) After section 37 insert—

“37A Correspondence between Members of Parliament and public authorities

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- (1) Information is exempt information if it consists of correspondence between a Member of Parliament and a public authority, as listed in Schedule 1 of this Act.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise in relation to information which is exempt information by virtue of subsection (1).”

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2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act 2007.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of a period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

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Presented by David Maclean.

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