



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

79 Defamation.

Where any information communicated by a public authority to a person (“the applicant”) under section 1 was supplied to the public authority by a third person, the publication to the applicant of any defamatory matter contained in the information shall be privileged unless the publication is shown to have been made with malice.

Changes to legislation:

Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 79 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 23(3)(p) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 29](#)