

NEW CATEGORIES OF “EXEMPT” INFORMATION

- The new categories of exempt information are :-
 1. Information relating to any individual.
 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
 3. Information relating to the contemplated, past or current financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) except information required to be registered under Companies and similar legislation.
 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority.
 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
 6. Information which reveals that the Authority proposes :-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
- However, such information is only exempt if, in all of the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.