

ANNEXE A

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Exemption Categories**

	CLASS-BASED	PREJUDICE-BASED
ABSOLUTE	info reasonably accessible by other means (s21)	
	info from or relating to certain security bodies (s23)	
	info contained in court records (s32)	
		info disclosure of which would breach Parliamentary privilege (s34)
	info disclosure of which would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs (info held by Commons & Lords) (s36)	
	personal info (s40) [re: DPA 1998]	
	info provided in confidence ¹ (s41)	
	info covered by prohibitions on disclosure (s44)	
QUALIFIED	info intended for future publication (s22)	
		national security (when not under s23) (s24)
		defence (s26)
		info disclosure of which would prejudice international relations (s27(1))
	confidential info obtained from other states & international bodies (s27(2))	
		relations within the UK (s28)
		info relating to the economy (s29)
	info held for the purposes of investigations & proceedings (s30)	
		info relating to law enforcement (when not under s30) (s31)
		info relating to audit functions (s33)
	certain info relating to the formation of government policy (s35)	
		info disclosure prejudicial to the conduct of public affairs (when not under s35) (s36)
	info relating to communications with the Royal Family Household or relating to the conferring of honours by the Crown (s37)	
		info relating to health & safety (s38)
	info covered by regulations concerning the disclosure of environmental info (s39)	
	info covered by legal professional privilege (s42)	
trade secrets (s43(1))		
	commercial info (s43(2))	

1. Where disclosure would be an actionable breach of confidence by the person (legal or natural) from whom it was obtained.