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Accessible Von Phillip Taylor MBETHE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: GET UP TO SPEED ON THE LATEST VIA THIS OUTSTANDINGLY CONCISE AND ACCESSIBLE GUIDE An Appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Once again the Blackstones Guide series on new(ish) statutes published by the Oxford University Press has come up trumps in fulfilling its remit to publish topical and contemporary commentary by experts on recent (or recently amended) legislation. This time it's the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which comes under the microscope of informed, concise scrutiny within this latest Blackstones Guide. This title now appears in its fourth edition in this very handy paperback format. Here you have the latest on this often controversial, sometimes bewilderingly contradictory, piece of legislation which on occasion seems to have lent itself to a variety of interpretations, some of them quite possibly unintended by those who drafted it, although one wonders. For example, check out the actual wording of the Act given in its entirety in this excellent Guide, especially Section 9 (Fees) and Section 13 (Fees for disclosure where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit). And don't forget your request for information can be refused under certain provisions of Section 17 (Refusal of Request). As the publishers rightly point out, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which came into force on 1st January 2005, created a new statutory right to open government and imposed new duties on public authorities regarding the disclosure and handling of information. Certainly, the Act has been used and can be used to good effect. Freedom of information campaigners regarded it as a major step forward in the eternal struggle against bureaucratic opacity, by establishing the right to open government as a basic principle. Broadly welcomed as a concept, the Act has all too often, however, become a bit of a cash cow, capable of being used by the calculating and unscrupulous to give out information all right, but at a price. (Check out those sections on fees again). Ordinary folk find themselves having to pay, for example, for information that they should have as a matter of right under this very legislation, including, in some cases, their own witness statements. (Would you believe it, you may have to pay for a copy/transcript of your own witness statement which you have given to the police.) Like the current wildly controversial super injunctions, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has evolved too often unfortunately as a friend of the rich. All of which points up the necessity of acquiring this book if you are in any way involved as a practitioner in FoI issues. The book should also be of interest to journalists, members of pressure groups and other concerned individuals. As observed in the Preface, the Act is certainly not flawless, with the number and scope of its exemptions having been widely criticized, even though it has proved an extremely useful tool for many different kinds of applicant. This new edition is completely up to date, incorporating all changes made to the legislation since the previous edition. Most usefully, there are impressive tables of cases, legislation, European legislation and also a table of treaties and conventions. So, if you're involved in making and receiving requests for access under the Act, this book is undoubtedly required reading and an essential purchase. The law is stated as at 1 March 2011.

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