



Defamation Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 26

Requirement of serious harm

1 Serious harm

- (1) A statement is not defamatory unless its publication has caused or is likely to cause serious harm to the reputation of the claimant.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, harm to the reputation of a body that trades for profit is not “serious harm” unless it has caused or is likely to cause the body serious financial loss.

Commencement Information

II [S. 1](#) in force at 1.1.2014 by [S.I. 2013/3027](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation Act 2013, Cross Heading:
Requirement of serious harm.