



# Terrorism Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 11

### PART 1

#### OFFENCES

##### *Interpretation of Part 1*

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- (1) Expressions used in this Part and in the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11) have the same meanings in this Part as in that Act.
- (2) In this Part—
  - “act of terrorism” includes anything constituting an action taken for the purposes of terrorism, within the meaning of the Terrorism Act 2000 (see section 1(5) of that Act);
  - “article” includes anything for storing data;
  - “Convention offence” means an offence listed in Schedule 1 or an equivalent offence under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;
  - “glorification” includes any form of praise or celebration, and cognate expressions are to be construed accordingly;
  - “public” is to be construed in accordance with subsection (3);
  - “publish” and cognate expressions are to be construed in accordance with subsection (4);
  - “record” means a record so far as not comprised in an article, including a temporary record created electronically and existing solely in the course of, and for the purposes of, the transmission of the whole or a part of its contents;
  - “statement” is to be construed in accordance with subsection (6).
- (3) In this Part references to the public—
  - (a) are references to the public of any part of the United Kingdom or of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, or any section of the public; and

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- (b) except in section 9(4), also include references to a meeting or other group of persons which is open to the public (whether unconditionally or on the making of a payment or the satisfaction of other conditions).
- (4) In this Part references to a person's publishing a statement are references to—
- (a) his publishing it in any manner to the public;
  - (b) his providing electronically any service by means of which the public have access to the statement; or
  - (c) his using a service provided to him electronically by another so as to enable or to facilitate access by the public to the statement;
- but this subsection does not apply to the references to a publication in section 2.
- (5) In this Part references to providing a service include references to making a facility available; and references to a service provided to a person are to be construed accordingly.
- (6) In this Part references to a statement are references to a communication of any description, including a communication without words consisting of sounds or images or both.
- (7) In this Part references to conduct that should be emulated in existing circumstances include references to conduct that is illustrative of a type of conduct that should be so emulated.
- (8) In this Part references to what is contained in an article or record include references—
- (a) to anything that is embodied or stored in or on it; and
  - (b) to anything that may be reproduced from it using apparatus designed or adapted for the purpose.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument—
- (a) modify Schedule 1 so as to add an offence to the offences listed in that Schedule;
  - (b) modify that Schedule so as to remove an offence from the offences so listed;
  - (c) make supplemental, incidental, consequential or transitional provision in connection with the addition or removal of an offence.
- (10) An order under subsection (9) may add an offence in or as regards Scotland to the offences listed in Schedule 1 to the extent only that a provision creating the offence would be outside the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.
- (11) The Secretary of State must not make an order containing (with or without other provision) any provision authorised by subsection (9) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.