

Defamation Act Review Mail In Query

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Here are my suggestions:

1. Generally, the burden of proof (that a statement is defamatory) needs to be placed on the plaintiff.
2. Damages need to capped, preferably at below €150,000.
3. Politicians should enjoy a lower level of protection.
4. Adverse legal costs should be capped at 30% of any award.
5. Punitive and aggravated damages need to be removed.
6. An honest opinion defence, should only be required to be dependent on facts believed to be true, in good faith, and not on actual proven correct facts.
7. QUANGOS, County/City Councils should be precluded from suing for defamation.

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