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## SCHEDULE 2 THE MENTAL HEALTH TRIBUNAL FOR SCOTLAND

### PART 3

#### TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE

##### *Evidence*

- 12 (1) The Tribunal may by citation require any person to attend, at such time and place as is specified in the citation, for the purpose of—
- (a) giving evidence; or
  - (b) producing any document in the custody, or under the control, of such person which the Tribunal considers it necessary to examine.
- (2) In relation to persons giving evidence the Tribunal may administer oaths and take affirmations.
- (3) A person who is cited to attend the Tribunal and—
- (a) refuses or fails—
    - (i) to attend; or
    - (ii) to give evidence; or
  - (b) alters, conceals or destroys, or refuses to produce, a document which such person may be required to produce for the purposes of proceedings before the Tribunal,
- shall, subject to sub-paragraph (4) below, be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person need not give evidence or produce any document if, were it evidence which might be given or a document that might be produced in any court in Scotland, the person having that evidence or document could not be compelled to give or produce it in such proceedings.
- (5) It shall be a defence for a person charged with contravening sub-paragraph (3) above to show that the person has a reasonable excuse for such contravention.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (3)(a) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (3)(b) above shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine or both.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 2 para. 12 in force at 3.5.2004 by [S.S.I. 2004/153](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 64(8A)(8B) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 65(7) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(3\)](#)