



Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

2003 No. 3

Proceedings in secular courts

[^{F1}34 Duty to disclose details of divorce and separation orders

- (1) A person in Holy Orders in respect of whose marriage a decree nisi of divorce has been made absolute or an order of judicial separation has been made shall be under a duty, within the period of twenty-eight days following the decree or order—
 - (a) in the case of a priest or deacon, to inform the bishop of the diocese concerned,
 - (b) in the case of a bishop, to inform the archbishop concerned, and
 - (c) in the case of an archbishop, to inform the other archbishop—
 - (i) of the decree or order,
 - (ii) as to whether he was the respondent in the proceedings, and
 - (iii) if he was the respondent, of any finding of adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion against him and of the details or particulars of the conduct which led to any such finding.
- (2) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) above shall be regarded as a failure to do an act required by the laws ecclesiastical for the purposes of section 8(1) above.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 34 substituted (1.2.2014) by [Clergy Discipline \(Amendment\) Measure 2013 \(No. 2\)](#), s. 10(2), [Sch. para. 6](#); 2014 No. 1, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

Clergy Discipline Measure 2003, Section 34 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

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

- s. 21(2)(c)(i)(ii) and word substituted for words by [2024 No. 1 s. 9\(3\)](#)