



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND OTHER PERSONS

85 Duty to assist protection providers

- (1) This section applies if a protection provider requests assistance from a public authority in connection with the making of arrangements under section 82(1) or the implementation, variation or cancellation of such arrangements.
- (2) The public authority must take reasonable steps to provide the assistance requested.
- (3) “Public authority” includes any person certain of whose functions are of a public nature but does not include—
 - (a) a court or tribunal,
 - (b) either House of Parliament or a person exercising functions in connection with proceedings in Parliament, or
 - (c) the Scottish Parliament or a person exercising functions in connection with proceedings in the Scottish Parliament.

Commencement Information

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| I1 | S. 85 in force at 1.4.2006 except to the extent that it extends to S. by S.I. 2005/1521, art. 5(1) |
| I2 | S. 85 in force at 1.4.2006 for S. by S.S.I. 2006/166, art. 2(1)(b) |

Changes to legislation:

Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Section 85 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 January 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.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2006/2182 art. 3](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/1871