

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS MEASURE 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 15: Offences

30. This section creates a number of sanctions in support of the Commissioner's powers under sections 11, 12 and 13. The comparable provision of the Act is section 39.
31. It will be a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5000) and up to 3 months imprisonment for a person who has been required by the Commissioner to give evidence or to produce a document to refuse or to fail to do so without reasonable excuse, to refuse or fail (again without reasonable excuse) to answer a question or to intentionally alter, suppress, conceal or destroy a document which was required to be produced.
32. Subsection (3) makes it an offence (punishable in the same way) to refuse to take an oath or make an affirmation when required to do so by the Commissioner.