
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1459

The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Information

[^{F1}Unauthorised disclosure of information

64B.—(1) An employee of a council commits an offence if he discloses without lawful authority any information—

- (a) which he acquired in the course of his employment;
- (b) which is, or is derived from, information supplied to the council under Article 64A; and
- (c) which relates to a particular dwelling-house or person.

(2) It is not an offence under this Article to disclose information which has previously been disclosed to the public with lawful authority.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Article to show that at the time of the alleged offence—

- (a) he believed that he was making the disclosure in question with lawful authority and had no reasonable cause to believe otherwise; or
- (b) he believed that the information in question had previously been disclosed to the public with lawful authority and had no reasonable cause to believe otherwise.

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this Article 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 two years or to a fine or to both.

(5) For the purposes of this Article a disclosure of information is to be regarded as made with lawful authority if, and only if, it is made—

- (a) in accordance with his official duty by an employee of the council;
- (b) in accordance with any statutory provision or order of a court;
- (c) for the purposes of any criminal proceedings; or
- (d) with the consent of the person to whom the information relates.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Arts. 64A, 64B inserted (30.6.2011) by [Housing \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 6, 25(1); S.R. 2011/241, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. 1

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, Section 64B.