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The Water and Sewerage Services  
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PART VI

SEWERAGE SERVICES

CHAPTER II

PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SERVICES

*Communication of drains and private sewers with public sewers*

**Unlawful communications**

**166.**—(1) Any person who causes a drain or sewer to communicate with a public sewer—

- (a) in contravention of any of the provisions of Article 163 or 165; or
- (b) before the end of the period mentioned in paragraph (5) of Article 163,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

(2) Whether proceedings have or have not been taken by a sewerage undertaker in respect of an offence under this Article, such an undertaker may—

- (a) close any communication made in contravention of any of the provisions of Article 163 or 165; and
- (b) recover summarily as a civil debt from the offender any expenses reasonably incurred by the undertaker in so doing.