



Official Secrets Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 6

9 Prosecutions.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, no prosecution for an offence under this Act shall be instituted in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland except by or with the consent of the Attorney General or, as the case may be, the [^{F1} Advocate General for Northern Ireland].
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to an offence in respect of any such information, document or article as is mentioned in section 4(2) above but no prosecution for such an offence shall be instituted in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions or, as the case may be, the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 9(1) substituted (12.4.2010) by [Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2002 \(c. 26\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 32](#); S.R. 2010/113, art. 2, Sch. para. 19(e)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Official Secrets Act 1989, Section 9.