



# Broadcasting Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 55

### PART V

#### THE BROADCASTING STANDARDS COMMISSION

##### *Miscellaneous and general*

#### **122 Power of BSC to commission research**

- (1) The BSC may make arrangements for the undertaking of research into matters related to or connected with—
  - (a) the avoidance of unjust or unfair treatment in programmes to which section 107 applies and of unwarranted infringement of privacy in, or in connection with the obtaining of material included in, such programmes,
  - (b) the portrayal of violence or sexual conduct in programmes to which section 108 applies, or
  - (c) standards of taste and decency for such programmes generally.
- (2) The matters into which research may be undertaken in pursuance of subsection (1) include, in particular, matters falling within section 109(2)(a) and (b).
- (3) Arrangements made under subsection (1) shall secure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, any research undertaken in pursuance of the arrangements is undertaken by persons who are neither members nor employees of the BSC.
- (4) The BSC may publish the results of any research undertaken in pursuance of subsection (1).