



Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 47

Supply and use of information

4 Unauthorised disclosure by officials.

- (1) [^{F1}In Schedule 4 to the ^{M1}Social Security Administration Act 1992 (persons who may commit an offence under section 123 of that Act), after the entries headed “*Other public departments and offices*” insert—

“ Local authorities etc.

A member, officer or employee of an authority administering housing benefit or council tax benefit.

A person authorised to exercise any function of such an authority relating to such a benefit or any employee of such a person.

A person authorised under section 139A(1) of this Act to consider and report to the Secretary of State on the administration of housing benefit or council tax benefit.”]

- (2) In section 123 of that Act (offence of unauthorised disclosure by certain persons of information relating to particular persons), in subsection (8) (persons employed in audit of expenditure)—

- (a) after paragraph (h) insert—

“(ha) a member of the Local Commission for England;
(hb) a member of the Local Commission for Wales;
(hc) the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland;”

- (b) after paragraph (j) insert—

“(ja) a member of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales and any auditor appointed by that Commission;

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- (jb) a member of the Accounts Commission for Scotland and any auditor within the meaning of Part VII of the ^{M2}Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
- (jc) a Northern Ireland local government auditor; and”, and
- (c) in paragraph (k), for “referred to in paragraphs (c) to (h) above” substitute “ or Commissions referred to in paragraphs (c) to (hc), (ja) and (jb) above and any person assisting an auditor referred to in paragraph (ja), (jb) or (jc) above ”.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4(1) repealed (1.4.2013 for specified purposes) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(3), [Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2013/358, art. 8(c), [Sch. 4](#) (with art. 9, [Sch. 5](#))
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1992 c. 5.
M2 1973 c. 65.

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