



# Audit Commission Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 18

### PART II

#### ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT OF PUBLIC BODIES

##### *Auditors' reports and recommendations*

#### **13 Additional publicity for immediate reports**

- (1) This section applies where under section 10(1) an auditor has sent an immediate report to a body or its chairman, except where the body is a health service body.
- (2) From the time when the report is received by virtue of section 10(1), any member of the public may—
  - (a) inspect the report at all reasonable times without payment,
  - (b) make a copy of it, or of any part of it, and
  - (c) require the body or chairman to supply him with a copy of it, or of any part of it, on payment of a reasonable sum.
- (3) On receiving the report by virtue of section 10(1), the body or (if a parish meeting) its chairman shall forthwith publish in one or more local newspapers circulating in the area of the body a notice which—
  - (a) identifies the subject-matter of the report, and
  - (b) states that any member of the public may inspect the report and make a copy of it or any part of it between such times and at such place or places as are specified in the notice;and the body, if not a parish meeting, shall in addition forthwith supply a copy of the report to every member of the body.
- (4) The auditor may—
  - (a) notify any person he thinks fit of the fact that he has made the report, and
  - (b) supply a copy of it or of any part of it to any person he thinks fit.

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- (5) A person who has the custody of an immediate report and—
- (a) obstructs a person in the exercise of a right conferred by subsection (2)(a) or (b), or
  - (b) refuses to supply a copy of the report or of part of it (as the case may be) to a person entitled to the copy by virtue of subsection (2)(c),
- is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (6) A person who fails to comply with a requirement of subsection (3) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (7) Nothing in this section affects the operation of section 10(4) to (6).