



# Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 10

### PART 2

#### INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS [F1RELATING TO LISTED AUTHORITIES]

##### *Investigation procedure and evidence*

#### **15 Obstruction and contempt**

- (1) If the Ombudsman is satisfied that the condition in subsection (2) is met in relation to a person, he may issue a certificate to that effect to the High Court.
- (2) The condition is that the person—
  - (a) without lawful excuse, has obstructed the discharge of any of the Ombudsman's functions under this Part, or
  - (b) has done an act in relation to an investigation which, if the investigation were proceedings in the High Court, would constitute contempt of court.
- (3) But the condition in subsection (2) is not met in relation to a person merely because he has taken action such as is mentioned in section 13(6).
- (4) If the Ombudsman issues a certificate under subsection (1), the High Court may inquire into the matter.
- (5) If the High Court is satisfied that the condition in subsection (2) is met in relation to the person, it may deal with him in any manner in which it could have dealt with him if he had committed contempt in relation to the High Court.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005, Section 15.