



Parliamentary Standards Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 13

Investigation and enforcement

10 Offence of providing false or misleading information for allowances claims

- (1) A member of the House of Commons commits an offence if the member—
- (a) makes a claim under the MPs' allowances scheme, and
 - (b) provides information for the purposes of the claim that the member knows to be false or misleading in a material respect.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine or to both.

[^{F1}(2A) In the application of this section in England and Wales, the reference in subsection (2) (a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to the general limit in a magistrates' court (or to 6 months in relation to an offence committed before 2 May 2022).]

- (3) In the application of this section—
- ^{F2}(a)
 - (b) in Northern Ireland,
- the reference in subsection (2)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 10(2A) inserted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(2)**
- F2** S. 10(3)(a) omitted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by virtue of [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** For expiry of s. 10 see s. 15

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, Section 10. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

II S. 10 in force at 7.5.2010 by [S.I. 2010/1033](#), **art. 3(b)**

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