



# Charities Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 25

### PART 5

#### INFORMATION POWERS

##### *Inquiries instituted by Commission*

#### **46 General power to institute inquiries**

- (1) The Commission may from time to time institute inquiries with regard to charities or a particular charity or class of charities, either generally or for particular purposes.
- (2) But no such inquiry is to extend to any exempt charity except where this has been requested by its principal regulator.
- (3) The Commission may—
  - (a) conduct such an inquiry itself, or
  - (b) appoint a person to conduct it and make a report to the Commission.
- (4) This section and sections 47 to 49 (obtaining evidence and search warrants) have effect in relation to a body entered in the Scottish Charity Register which is managed or controlled wholly or mainly in or from England or Wales as they have effect in relation to a charity.

**Changes to legislation:**

Charities Act 2011, Section 46 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 106(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 106(1) by [2022 c. 6 s. 16\(a\)](#)
- s. 322(2)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 6 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 331A331B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 6 s. 15](#)