



Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

1959 CHAPTER 15

[^{F1}17B Giving or producing evidence: further provision

- (1) The power of a coroner under section 17A(6) is additional to, and does not affect, any other power the coroner may have—
 - (a) to compel a person to appear before him;
 - (b) to compel a person to give evidence or produce any document or other thing;
 - (c) to punish a person for contempt of court for failure to appear or to give evidence or to produce any document or other thing.

But a person may not be fined under that section and also be punished under any such other power.

- (2) A person may not be required to give or produce any evidence or document under section 17A if—
 - (a) he could not be required to do so in civil proceedings in a court in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) the requirement would be incompatible with a Community obligation.
- (3) The rules of law under which evidence or documents are permitted or required to be withheld on grounds of public interest immunity apply in relation to an inquest as they apply in relation to civil proceedings in a court in Northern Ireland.]

F1 Ss. 17A-17C substituted for s. 17 (29.2.2016) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\), s. 182\(5\), Sch. 11 para. 1](#) (with s. 180); S.R. 2016/23, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, Section 17B is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 May 2020. 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 :

- s. 17B(2)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1252 reg. 4](#)