



# Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013

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## *Campaign*

### **12 Monitoring and securing compliance with the campaign rules**

- (1) The Electoral Commission must—
  - (a) monitor compliance with the restrictions and other requirements imposed by schedule 4, and
  - (b) take such steps as they consider appropriate with a view to securing compliance with those restrictions and requirements.
- (2) The Electoral Commission may prepare and publish guidance setting out, in relation to any restriction or requirement imposed by schedule 4, their opinion on any of the following matters—
  - (a) what it is necessary, or is sufficient, to do (or avoid doing) in order to comply with the restriction or requirement,
  - (b) what it is desirable to do (or avoid doing) in view of the purpose of the restriction or requirement.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not affect the generality of section 24(4).
- (4) Schedule 5 makes provision about the investigatory powers of the Electoral Commission for the purpose of subsection (1).
- (5) Schedule 6 makes provision for civil sanctions in relation to—
  - (a) the commission of campaign offences,
  - (b) the failure to comply with certain requirements imposed by schedule 4.
- (6) In this section, “restriction” includes a prohibition.