



Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 2

PART 3

COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

Juries and members of the Court Martial

73 Jurors engaging in other prohibited conduct

In the Juries Act 1974, after section 20B insert—

“20C Offence: jurors engaging in other prohibited conduct

- (1) It is an offence for a member of a jury that tries an issue in a case before a court intentionally to engage in prohibited conduct during the trial period, subject to the exceptions in subsections (4) and (5).
- (2) “Prohibited conduct” means conduct from which it may reasonably be concluded that the person intends to try the issue otherwise than on the basis of the evidence presented in the proceedings on the issue.
- (3) An offence under this section is committed whether or not the person knows that the conduct is prohibited conduct.
- (4) It is not an offence under this section for a member of the jury to research the case (as defined in section 20A(2) to (4)).
- (5) It is not an offence under this section for a member of the jury to disclose information to another member of the jury.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (7) Proceedings for an offence under this section may not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney General.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the
Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, Section 73. (See end of Document for details)*

(8) In this section, “the trial period” has the same meaning as in section 20A.”

Commencement Information

II S. 73 in force at 13.4.2015 by S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 58 (with Sch. 2 para. 3(a))

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