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PART 5

INFORMATION POWERS

Supply of false or misleading information to Commission, etc.

25.—(1) Any person who knowingly or recklessly provides the Commission with information which is false or misleading in a material particular is guilty of an offence if the information—

- (a) is provided in purported compliance with a requirement imposed by or under this Act; or
- (b) is provided otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (a) but in circumstances in which the person providing the information intends, or could reasonably be expected to know, that it would be used by the Commission for the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act.

(2) Any person who wilfully alters, suppresses, conceals or destroys any document which that person is or is liable to be required, by or under this Act, to produce to the Commission is guilty of an offence.

(3) Any person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine, or both.

(4) In this section references to the Commission include references to any person conducting an inquiry under section 22.