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PART 1

FINES AND OTHER PENALTIES: ENFORCEMENT

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Collection of Fines etc.

*Deductions from benefits*

**Enquiries into debtor's means**

**16.—**(1) Before exercising the power under section 4(1)(a) or 9(1)(c) to order a collection officer to make an application for deduction from benefits, the court must inquire into the debtor's means; and for that purpose the court may require the debtor to provide—

- (a) his or her full name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number, and
- (b) details of any relevant benefit which the debtor receives.

(2) A person commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to provide information required under subsection (1).

(3) A person commits an offence if, in providing information in response to a requirement under subsection (1), the person—

- (a) provides information which the person knows to be false in a material particular,
- (b) recklessly provides information which is false in a material particular, or
- (c) knowingly fails to disclose a material fact.