



Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

2003 No. 3

Proceedings in secular courts

33 Duty to disclose criminal convictions and arrests

- (1) A person in Holy Orders who (whether in England or elsewhere) is convicted of an offence or is arrested on suspicion of committing an offence shall be under a duty, within the period of twenty-eight days following the conviction or arrest,—
 - (a) in the case of a priest or deacon, to inform the bishop of the diocese concerned,
 - (b) in the case of a bishop, to inform the archbishop concerned, and
 - (c) in the case of an archbishop, to inform the other archbishop,of the conviction or arrest.
- (2) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) above shall be regarded as a failure to do an act required by the laws ecclesiastical for the purposes of section 8(1) above.