
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No.

**The Reporting on Payment Practices
and Performance Regulations 2017**

False statement offence

- 9.—(1) It is an offence for a person knowingly or recklessly—
- (a) to publish or cause to be published, for the purposes of these Regulations, a report or any information, or
 - (b) to make, for any such purpose, a statement,
- that is misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction—
- (a) in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (3) No proceedings are to be brought under this regulation—
- (a) in England and Wales except by or with consent of the Secretary of State or the Director of Public Prosecutions;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland except by or with consent of the Secretary of State or the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.