



# Terrorism Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 11

### PART II

#### PROSCRIBED ORGANISATIONS

##### *Offences*

#### 12 Support.

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) he invites support for a proscribed organisation, and
  - (b) the support is not, or is not restricted to, the provision of money or other property (within the meaning of section 15).
- [<sup>F1</sup>(1A) A person commits an offence if the person—
  - (a) expresses an opinion or belief that is supportive of a proscribed organisation, and
  - (b) in doing so is reckless as to whether a person to whom the expression is directed will be encouraged to support a proscribed organisation.]
  - (2) A person commits an offence if he arranges, manages or assists in arranging or managing a meeting which he knows is—
    - (a) to support a proscribed organisation,
    - (b) to further the activities of a proscribed organisation, or
    - (c) to be addressed by a person who belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed organisation.
  - (3) A person commits an offence if he addresses a meeting and the purpose of his address is to encourage support for a proscribed organisation or to further its activities.
  - (4) Where a person is charged with an offence under subsection (2)(c) in respect of a private meeting it is a defence for him to prove that he had no reasonable cause to believe that the address mentioned in subsection (2)(c) would support a proscribed organisation or further its activities.

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- (5) In subsections (2) to (4)—
- (a) “meeting” means a meeting of three or more persons, whether or not the public are admitted, and
  - (b) a meeting is private if the public are not admitted.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, to a fine or to both, or
  - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 12(1A) inserted (12.4.2019) by Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (c. 3), ss. 1, 27(3) (with s. 25(1))

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