



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 4

PUBLIC ORDER AND CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PLACES ETC.

Demonstrations in vicinity of Parliament

135 Supplementary directions

- (1) This section applies if the senior police officer reasonably believes that it is necessary, in order to prevent any of the things mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g) of subsection (3) of section 134—
 - (a) to impose additional conditions on those taking part in or organising a demonstration authorised under that section, or
 - (b) to vary any condition imposed under that subsection or under paragraph (a) (including such a condition as varied under subsection (2)).
- (2) The senior police officer may give directions to those taking part in or organising the demonstration imposing such additional conditions or varying any such condition already imposed.
- (3) A person taking part in or organising the demonstration who knowingly fails to comply with a condition which is applicable to him and which is imposed or varied by a direction under this section is guilty of an offence.
- (4) It is a defence for him to show that the failure to comply arose from circumstances beyond his control.
- (5) In this section, “the senior police officer” means the most senior in rank of the police officers present at the scene (or any one of them if there are more than one of the same rank).