



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

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PART 2

INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND OTHER PERSONS

85 Duty to assist protection providers

- (1) This section applies if a protection provider requests assistance from a public authority in connection with the making of arrangements under section 82(1) or the implementation, variation or cancellation of such arrangements.
- (2) The public authority must take reasonable steps to provide the assistance requested.
- (3) “Public authority” includes any person certain of whose functions are of a public nature but does not include—
 - (a) a court or tribunal,
 - (b) either House of Parliament or a person exercising functions in connection with proceedings in Parliament, or
 - (c) the Scottish Parliament or a person exercising functions in connection with proceedings in the Scottish Parliament.