



# Parliamentary Standards Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 13

### *Investigation and enforcement*

#### **10 Offence of providing false or misleading information for allowances claims**

- (1) A member of the House of Commons commits an offence if the member—
  - (a) makes a claim under the MPs' allowances scheme, and
  - (b) provides information for the purposes of the claim that the member knows to be false or misleading in a material respect.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine or to both.
- (3) In the application of this section—
  - (a) in England and Wales, in relation to an offence committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), or
  - (b) in Northern Ireland,the reference in subsection (2)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.