



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 5

INFORMATION POWERS

Power to call for documents and search records

53 Power to search records

- (1) Any member of the staff of the Commission, if so authorised by it, is entitled without payment to inspect and take copies of or extracts from the records or other documents of—
 - (a) any court, or
 - (b) any public registry or office of records,for any purpose connected with the discharge of the functions of the Commission or of the official custodian.
- (2) The reference in subsection (1) to a member of the staff of the Commission includes the official custodian even if not a member of the staff of the Commission.
- (3) The rights conferred by subsection (1), in relation to information recorded otherwise than in legible form, include the right to require the information to be made available in legible form—
 - (a) for inspection, or
 - (b) for a copy or extract to be made of or from it.

Changes to legislation:

Charities Act 2011, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 106(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 106(1) by [2022 c. 6 s. 16\(a\)](#)
- s. 322(2)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 6 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 331A331B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 6 s. 15](#)