

WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5: Social security: General

Section 132: Unlawful disclosure of information

677. Section 43 of the WRA 2007 made it an offence for a person to disclose without lawful authority information supplied by virtue of section 42 of the WRA 2007. *Section 132* creates a similar unlawful disclosure provision in relation to information received by virtue of section 131.
678. *Subsection (2)* sets out to whom this section applies. Relevant persons in DWP are not covered by this new section as there is an existing unlawful disclosure provision in section 123 of the SSAA 1992 which applies to them.
679. Unauthorised disclosure is an offence subject to a fine or imprisonment or both.
680. This section complements section 123 of the SSAA 1992.