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PART III

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CHAPTER 6

REVIEWS, APPEALS AND MALADMINISTRATION

References to the PPF Ombudsman

Obstruction etc. of the PPF Ombudsman

197.—(1) This Article applies if any person—

- (a) without lawful excuse obstructs the PPF Ombudsman in the performance of his functions, or
 - (b) is guilty of any act or omission in relation to an investigation by the PPF Ombudsman under regulations made under Article 192 or 193, which, if that investigation were a proceeding in the court, would constitute contempt of court.
- (2) The PPF Ombudsman may certify the offence to the court.
- (3) Where an offence is certified under paragraph (2), the court may—
- (a) inquire into the matter,
 - (b) hear any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of the person charged with the offence and any statement that may be offered in defence, and
 - (c) deal with him in any manner in which the court could deal with him if he had committed the like offence in relation to the court.
- (4) In this Article “the court” means a county court.