



# Official Secrets Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 6

### 10 Penalties.

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under any provision of this Act other than section 8(1), (4) or (5) shall be liable—
  - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine or both;
  - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under section 8(1), (4) or (5) above shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both.

**Changes to legislation:**

Official Secrets Act 1989, Section 10 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 June 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 :**

- s. 10(2) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 39](#)