



# Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 10

### *Miscellaneous and supplementary*

#### **5 Publication at direction of either Commission**

- (1) In section 1 of the Local Government Act 1992 (direction of Audit Commission or Accounts Commission for Scotland requiring certain bodies to publish information about performance) in subsection (2)(b) (method of publication) for the words “in a newspaper circulating in the area of that body” substitute “and by one of the methods permitted by section 1A below”.
- (2) After section 1 of that Act insert—

#### **“1A Permitted methods of publishing information**

- (1) The permitted methods of publication referred to in section 1(2)(b) above are as follows.
- (2) The relevant body may publish the information in a newspaper printed for sale and circulating in their area.
- (3) If the relevant body ensure that the distribution condition is satisfied with respect to the information, they may publish the information in a newspaper or periodical publication which is produced and distributed by another person (other than a local authority company) and which is free of charge to the recipient.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3) above, a relevant body ensure that the distribution condition is satisfied with respect to information if—
  - (a) they take all reasonable steps to secure that a copy of a publication containing the information is distributed to each dwelling in their area; and

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- (b) in a case where they consider that the information is of concern to persons carrying on business in their area, they take such steps as they consider reasonable and practicable to secure that a copy of a publication containing the information is distributed to business premises in their area.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3) above a local authority company is any company under the control of a local authority; and section 68(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (company under control of local authority) shall have effect for the purposes of this subsection as it has effect for the purposes of Part V of that Act.”