



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 7

SUPPLEMENTARY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Information provisions

236 Enforcement of powers to obtain information

- (1) A person commits an offence if he fails to do anything required of him by a notice under section 235.
- (2) In proceedings against a person for an offence under subsection (1) it is a defence that he had a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with the notice.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) A person commits an offence if he intentionally alters, suppresses or destroys any document which he has been required to produce by a notice under section 235.
- (5) A person who commits an offence under subsection (4) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (6) In this section “document” includes information recorded otherwise than in legible form, and in relation to information so recorded—
 - (a) the reference to the production of a document is a reference to the production of a copy of the information in legible form, and
 - (b) the reference to suppressing a document includes a reference to destroying the means of reproducing the information.